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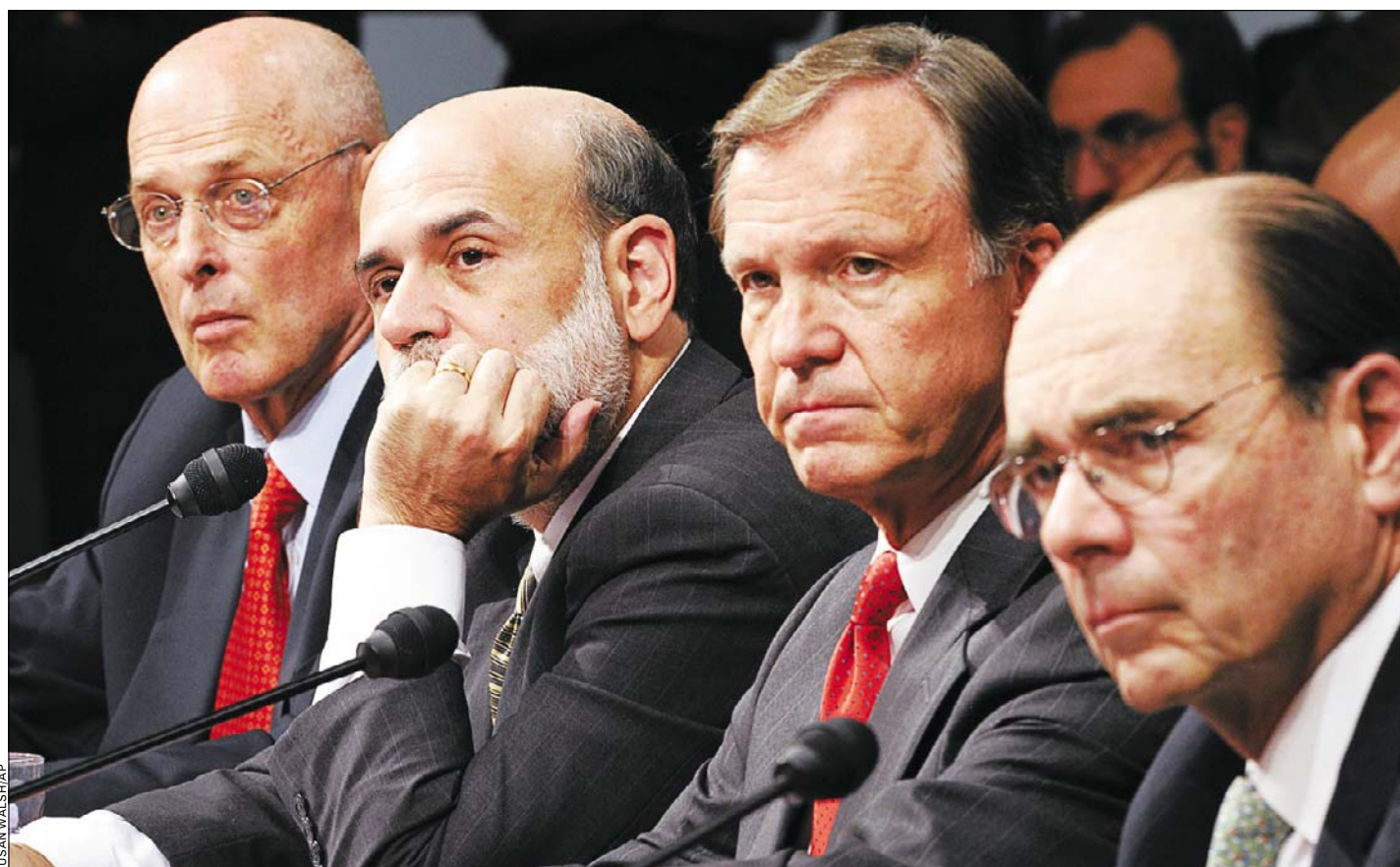
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DIRE FORECAST: Top U.S. economic advisers Henry Paulson, left, Ben Bernanke, Christopher Cox and James Lockhart are grilled by senators on Tuesday.

Bailout Meets Skepticism

Senators say proposal needs major changes before passage

WASHINGTON | Senators dug in their heels Tuesday, pushing back against dire warnings from the government's top economic officials of recession, layoffs and lost homes if Congress doesn't quickly approve the Bush administration's emergency \$700 billion financial bailout plan.

Congressional leaders still predicted passage — with significant changes — but Wall Street's nerves were hardly soothed. The Dow Jones industrials sank 161 points and now are off more than 500 this week.

Deepening market trouble was just one piece of the economic havoc that Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson told senators would



ECONOMY FALLOUT
→ Amid growing economic woes, Barack Obama takes a nine-point lead over John McCain in a new Post poll. | **Page 3**

ensue if Congress lags in acting on the proposal to rescue tottering financial institutions. "I share the outrage that people have," Paulson said. "It's embarrassing to look at this. There is a lot of blame to go around."

At a contentious daylong hearing, Paulson and Bernanke sketched out the dire scenario that would play out without a bailout: Neither businesses nor consumers would be able to borrow money, and the world's largest economy would grind to a halt. In public and in private meetings, both Democrats and Republicans said big changes are needed, presaging a difficult road ahead for the measure. (AP)



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NAKED EXERCISE

Construction Workers Feel Harassed

Police in Portland, Ore., took a waterfront Lady Godiva down a notch this week. Barely. They were getting calls about a nude skater whizzing past tourists and rush-hour commuters. But you can do that in Oregon, where occasional nude bike rides draw police only for crowd control and shows featuring live sex acts are protected as free speech. (The skater, Gennifer Moss, aka Earth Friend Gen, asked organizers for permission this summer to skate naked in the city of Ashland's Fourth of July parade. She didn't get it.) Police told the skater to tone it down after construction workers complained. Moss donned a string bikini bottom for the nonce and skated on. Police say most callers are concerned about her safety. (AP)

PROJECTS

Hood-Faced Robot Nearly Complete!

Dave Tracy said he can understand thieves' snatching ice cream from one of the Hershey's delivery trucks he manages. But stealing a hood off the truck? Tracy said the Fiberglas hood, at 7 1/2

by 6 feet and 4 feet deep, is "not exactly small." He said that even if the thieves had a pickup truck, the hood wouldn't be easy to carry off. Tracy discovered the theft when he got to work Monday morning. Augusta, Maine, police said the thieves probably needed a hood identical to the one on the ice cream truck. (AP)

HUUBVELDHUIJZEN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES



FUNGI

A Tiny Explorer

This proud 9-year-old clutches the enormous mushroom he and his father discovered in a Dutch forest. It's called a *Bovista gigantea*, and it's more than 24 inches across. Kasper Veldhuijzen and his father, Huub, found the mushroom last week, and we imagine Kasper plans to make it tell him where the other giant mushrooms are hiding so he can uncover the entire ancient mushroom tribe and learn the secrets of their long-thought-extinct race. (EXPRESS)

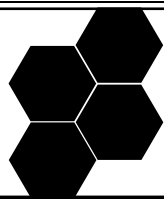
PUNISHMENT

A Short Sentence

A judge has decided the best punishment for a man found guilty of stealing should be to take his son's words to

heart — and wear them on his sleeve. Kalamazoo County circuit Judge Pamela Lightvoet ordered Daniel Cleland, 27, on Monday to write or tape the words "Daddy, don't steal" on his arm or hand for seven months. The idea came from

Cleland's comments before sentencing, when he told the judge about his 6-year-old's sage advice. Cleland said he's trying to get out of "a really big hole." Lightvoet said it's Cleland's last chance to avoid jail. (AP)



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“Why I didn’t feel like celebrating in the rotunda is that it is inexcusable to have a budget that’s three months late.”

—Calif. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, after signing the state budget 85 days after it was due

Nation

Gates Sees Troop Shift This Spring

Defense secretary says three brigades could head to Afghanistan

WASHINGTON | Up to three more combat brigades could be available to go to Afghanistan beginning next spring, in answer to repeated calls from commanders for more troops, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Tuesday.

Gates told the Senate Armed Services Committee that more forces can’t be committed now without extending combat tours or changing troop deployments. But, in response to prodding from the committee’s chairman, Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., Gates said they probably could go in the spring and summer of 2009.

The military shortfall in Afghanistan has been a common complaint from commanders. While the number of U.S. troops in Afghanistan has grown from fewer than 21,000 two years ago to more than 31,000 today, the senior U.S. general there said last week that he needs at least 10,000 more ground troops, beyond the 3,700 Army soldiers due in the country early next year.

LOLITA C. BALDOR (AP)

Post Poll: Obama Has a Clear Edge

Democrat’s advantage on the economy could swing race in his favor

POLITICS | Turmoil in the financial industry and growing pessimism about the economy have altered the shape the presidential race, giving Democratic nominee Barack Obama the first clear lead of the campaign over Republican John McCain, according to the latest Washington Post-ABC News poll.

Just 9 percent of those surveyed rated the economy as good or excellent, the first time that number has been in single digits since just before the 1992 election. Just 14 percent said the country is heading in the right direction, equaling its record low in polls dating back to 1973.

Last week’s near-meltdown in



Democratic Sen. Barack Obama leads Republican Sen. John McCain 52 percent to 43 percent in the latest Washington Post-ABC News survey of likely voters.

the financial markets and subsequent debate in Washington over a proposed government bailout have made the economy even more important in the minds of

voters. Fully 50 percent called the economy and jobs the single most important issue that will determine their vote.

More voters trust Obama to

deal with the economy, and he has a big edge as the candidate who is more in tune with the economic problems Americans now face. He also has a double-digit advantage on handling current problems on Wall Street. As a result, there has been a rise in his support overall. The poll found that, among likely voters, Obama now leads McCain by 52 percent to 43 percent.

As a point of comparison, neither of the last two Democratic nominees — John Kerry or Al Gore — recorded support above 50 percent in a pre-election poll by The Post and ABC News.

The political climate is rapidly changing alongside the twists and turns on Wall Street, and it is unclear whether recent shifts in public opinion will stick. DAN BALZ AND JON COHEN (WASHINGTON POST)

Palin Introduced to World Leaders

U.N. meetings meant to boost governor’s foreign policy resume

NEW YORK | Sarah Palin met her first world leaders Tuesday.

It was a tightly controlled crash course on foreign policy for the Republican vice presidential candidate. Palin sat down with Afghan President Hamid Karzai and Colombian President Alvaro Uribe. The conversations were pri-



Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin meets former secretary of state Henry Kissinger.

vate, the pictures public, meant to build her resume for voters concerned about her lack of experience in world affairs.

“I found her quite a capable woman,” Karzai said. “She asked the right questions on Afghanistan.”

Palin also asked former secretary of state Henry Kissinger for insight on Georgia, Russia, China and Iran, and she’ll see more leaders Wednesday on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly meetings.

John McCain’s presidential campaign has shielded the Alaska governor from spontaneous questions from voters and reporters, and went to striking lengths Tuesday to maintain that distance.

The GOP campaign, applying more restrictive rules on access than even President Bush uses in the White House, banned reporters from the start of the meetings, so as not to risk a question being asked of Palin. McCain aides relented after news organizations objected and CNN decided to pull its TV crew from Palin’s meeting with Karzai.

SARA KUGLER (AP)

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Mom Helped Son Obtain Weapons

Prosecutors say the
boy, 14, was planning
to attack a high school

NORRISTOWN, PA. | A woman admitted she helped her troubled, bullied 14-year-old son build a cache of weapons by buying him a rifle and gunpowder, but investigators still don't know whether she was aware her son was planning a deadly school attack.

Michele Cossey, 46, pleaded guilty Tuesday in Norristown to one count of child endangerment. She admitted that she bought him a rifle with a laser scope and gunpowder, which investigators said he was using to build grenades.

Prosecutors said her son, Dillon, came idolize the Columbine High School shooters and was planning an attack last year on Plymouth Whitemarsh High School.

Cossey, bullied over his weight, had left public school in seventh grade and was being home-schooled. Over time, violent Internet sites fueled his revenge fantasies, his defense lawyer said.



Michele Cossey said she helped her son, 14, build up a cache of weapons.

Montgomery County Assistant District Attorney Christopher Parisi said he thought purchasing the weapons was "an attempt to boost his self-esteem, and in some way help the child, as misplaced as those thoughts may have been."

Michele Cossey's sentencing hearing won't happen until after she undergoes a psychiatric evaluation. The maximum possible prison term is 3½ to 7 years.

MARYCLAIRE DALE (AP)

ATLANTA | DEATH ROW DEMONSTRATION



FLOORED: Demonstrators lie outside the entry to the Capitol as a protest against the scheduled execution of Troy Davis on Tuesday. Davis was convicted of the 1989 murder of an off-duty police officer. However, seven of the nine witnesses in the trial have since recanted their testimony.



HUGS, CUFFS: Instead of having a hostile reaction, a driver in Plymouth, Wis., offered his thanks when officers pulled him over on suspicion of drunken driving for the fifth time. A criminal complaint quoted David Hyland as saying, "Thank you very much for everything you've done for me," after he was stopped Friday.

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Tree-Sitters Triumph After 20 Years

Company promises it will not cut redwoods, ending long struggle

SCOTIA, CALIF. | After more than 20 years of protests, the last two people living in the giant redwoods of Northern California were climbing down for good, convinced by the new owners of the forest that the ancient trees would be spared from the saw.

Having lived nearly 200 feet off the ground for 11 months, Nadia Berg seemed unsure of her footing on the lush forest floor of Humboldt County's Nanning Creek grove. She had made herself at home in a tree dubbed Grandma, a massive double redwood, and had grown accustomed to the ways of the woods.

"Being here, for me, hasn't been



Billy Stoetzer hugs Nadia Berg, back to camera, on Thursday in Scotia, Calif. The pair spent almost a year in redwood trees to prevent them from being cut down.

a sacrifice," said the 22-year-old Alberta native, still in her harness after rappelling down Grandma last week for the final time.

Berg's neighbor, Billy Stoetzer, a 22-year-old activist, came down last week, too, after living for nearly a year in a shelter in the branches

The timber wars redefined environmental activism in the United States.

of Spooner, a 300-foot mammoth at least 1,500 years old.

With that, the great timber wars of the North Coast came to an end.

It was a long, twilight struggle that redefined environmental activism and introduced the American public to a new type of civil disobedience — tree-sitting.

So quietly did the truce happen that almost no one involved can believe it. But the drawn-out, some-

times violent, battles between Pacific Lumber Co. and environmental activists who flocked here to save the trees, are history. Pacific Lumber has new owners, a new name — Humboldt Redwood Co. — and a new pledge to protect old trees.

The end began a few weeks ago, when Michael Jani, the president and chief forester of the new Humboldt Redwood Co., hiked into the woods to meet the tree-sitters.

"I went out, looked at the trees, looked at the stand of trees that were around them, and I explained to them that under our policy, we would not be cutting those trees," Jani said.

Environmentalists are cautiously optimistic that the company will do as it promises. The tree-sitters at the Nanning Creek and Fern Gully groves have been clearing out their encampments, removing their platforms and figuring out what to do with the rest of their lives.

EVELYN NIEVES (AP)

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—Sen. Joe Biden, in a television interview. Herbert Hoover was president in 1929; TV didn't exist then.

Bush Delivers Farewell U.N. Speech

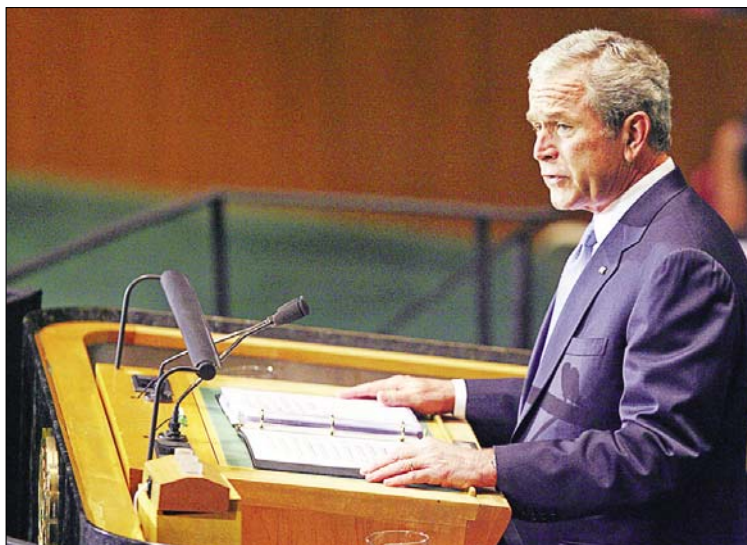
With Iranian leader in the crowd, president affirms terror stance

UNITED NATIONS | Iran's leader flashed a thumbs-down Tuesday as President Bush denounced Tehran as a sponsor of global terrorism in his farewell address to the United Nations.

Then Bush got less than 10 seconds of polite applause at the end of a speech in which he urged world leaders to take "an unequivocal moral stand" against suicide bombings, hostage taking and other terror tactics.

It was a decidedly low-key appearance, rehashing familiar themes, devoid of the passion Bush displayed in the early years of his presidency when he summoned the world after Sept. 11, 2001, to a battle against terrorism and tried to win U.N. backing for the war in Iraq.

The president tried to speak reassuringly to the leaders about the financial upheaval on Wall



President Bush addresses the 63rd session of the United Nations General Assembly on Tuesday. Bush urged world leaders to make a moral stand against terrorism.

Street that has forced him to set aside core principles of capitalism and authorize government takeovers of failing companies.

"I can assure you that my administration and our Congress are working together to quickly pass legislation approving this strategy," Bush

told the General Assembly. "And I'm confident we will act in the urgent time frame required."

At the General Assembly, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad sat in the massive hall and seemed intent on showing disinterest as Bush spoke. Turning to an aide as Bush spoke,

Ahmadinejad made a fist and turned his thumb down to the desk.

Bush said regimes like Syria and Iran continue to sponsor terror but

"The terrorists believe time is on their side. ... We must not allow them to succeed."

PRESIDENT BUSH

that "their numbers are growing fewer, and they're growing more isolated from the world."

But he warned: "As the 21st century unfolds, some may be tempted to assume that the threat has receded. This would be comforting. It would be wrong. The terrorists believe time is on their side, so they've made waiting out civilized nations part of their strategy. We must not allow them to succeed."

TERENCE HUNT (AP)

NASA: Sun's Internal Furnace Has Weakened

WASHINGTON | The sun has dialed back its furnace to the lowest levels seen in the space age, new measurements from a space probe show.

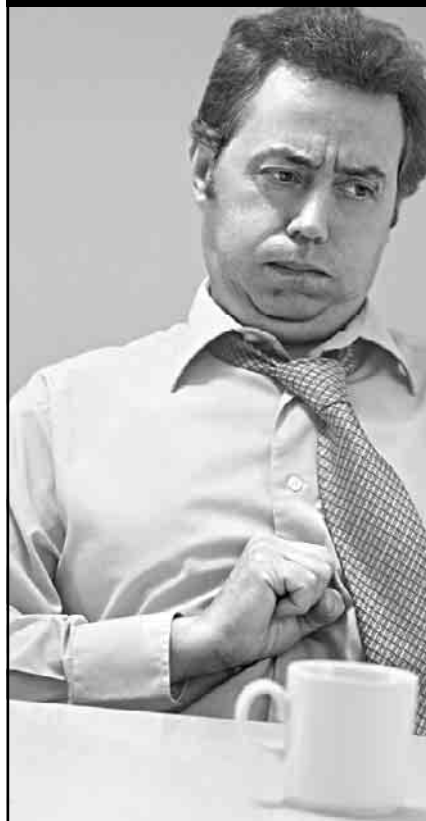
But don't worry — it's too small a difference to change life on Earth, scientists said Tuesday.

The solar wind — a stream of charged particles ejected from the sun's upper atmosphere at 1 million miles per hour — is significantly weaker, cooler and less dense than it has been in 50 years, according to new data from the NASA-European solar probe Ulysses. The cause for the sun's slight weakening seems to be a change in its magnetic flux, said Dave McComas of the Southwest Research Institute. (AP)



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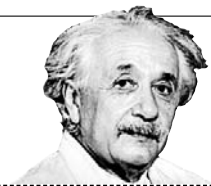
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World

Gunman Kills 11 at School in Finland

Man who left threats on YouTube fatally shoots students, self

KAUHAJOKI, FINLAND | A masked gunman whose violent YouTube postings prompted police to question him just a day earlier opened fire Tuesday at his trade school in Finland, killing 10 people and burning some of their bodies before fatally shooting himself in the head.

Witnesses said panic broke out as the gunman, dressed in black and carrying a large bag, started firing in a classroom during an exam. The shootings began just before 11 a.m. as about 150 students were at the Kauhajokki School of Hospitality, 180 miles northwest of Helsinki.

"I heard several dozen rounds of shots; in other words, it was an



Rescue workers assist a student at Finland's Kauhajokki School of Hospitality after a masked gunman killed 10 people before fatally shooting himself on Tuesday.

automatic pistol," school janitor Jukka Forsberg told Finnish broadcaster YLE.

Police had questioned the gunman

on Monday about YouTube postings in which he is seen firing a pistol and warning, "You will die next," but he was released because there was no

legal reason to hold him, Interior Minister Anne Holmlund said.

Police spokesman Jari Neulaniemi said the attacker walked into the school armed with a .22-caliber pistol and carrying explosives. He killed 10 people, including a teacher, and burned some of them beyond recognition, Neulaniemi said.

Neulaniemi said the gunman left two handwritten messages at the school dormitory saying he had planned the attack since 2002 and that he hated the human race.

It was Finland's second school massacre in less than a year, and the two attacks had eerie similarities. Both gunmen posted violent clips on YouTube, both were fascinated by the 1999 Columbine school shootings in Colorado, and both died after shooting themselves in the head. **MARIUS TURULA (AP)**



Pakistani army troops patrol along the border of Afghanistan on Tuesday.

Report: Pakistan Soldiers Shoot Down U.S. Drone

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | Pakistani soldiers and tribesmen shot down a suspected U.S. military drone close to the Afghan border Tuesday night, three intelligence officials said. If verified, it apparently would be the first time a pilotless aircraft was brought down over Pakistan and likely would add to tensions between Washington and Islamabad over recent U.S. incursions into the country's tribal regions.

In the latest fighting, troops backed by helicopter gunships and artillery killed at least 50 militants in the Kohat region since Monday, said an army spokesman, Maj. Murad Khan. In the nearby Bajur tribal region, security forces reportedly killed at least 10 militants Tuesday. **ASIF SHAHZAD (AP)**

U.S. Soldiers Kill Iraqi Sunni Leader

BAGHDAD | American soldiers accidentally fatally shot the leader of a local U.S.-allied Sunni group Tuesday after coming under attack in a volatile area north of Baghdad, the military said.

The latest friendly-fire incident came as tensions have been rising among the groups known as the Sons

of Iraq, or awakening councils.

The head of the group in Siniyah, Jassim al-Garrou, was killed after he rushed to the site of an ambush against U.S. forces in the area, which lies between the northern oil hub of Beiji and Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, according to witnesses and police. **(AP)**

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World



British Prime Minister Gordon Brown addresses his party's faithful Tuesday.

British PM Defends Himself

Brown tells party his seriousness is boon in U.K.'s difficult times

MANCHESTER, ENGLAND | As a mutiny swirled in his ranks and pundits took aim, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown stood before his party's faithful Tuesday and argued that the qualities his critics disparage — his seriousness and lack of flair — are exactly what Britain needs as it faces economic turmoil.

Joking about his gloomy demeanor, a relaxed Brown thrilled his governing Labour Party's annual meeting with an address studded with pledges on totemic issues for loyalists and sharp attacks on the main opposition Conservatives.

"Everyone knows that I'm all in favor of apprenticeships, but let me tell you, this is no time for a novice," Brown said with a grin, delivering a swipe at his two young rivals: Conservative leader David Cameron and, within his own party, Foreign Secretary David Miliband.

Plummeting poll ratings, and anger over rising gas and food prices have prompted a simmering rebellion within the Labour Party, whose members fear Brown lacks the eloquence to win over voters in the next election. Dissidents have urged Brown to step aside.

Brown used his address to the party to quell any mutiny. "I know who I am; I know what I want to do in this job. And I know the best way to deal with tough times is to face them down," he said. DAVID STRINGER (AP)

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World

S. Africa's Market Reels

Stocks, currency fall amid news of Cabinet ministers' resignation

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA | South Africa's stocks and currency reeled Tuesday on the news that the architect of the country's economic success was resigning, but recovered somewhat after Finance Minister Trevor Manuel said he would serve in a new government.

A brief statement from the office of President Thabo Mbeki — who was forced to resign over the weekend amid an internal African National Congress power struggle — listed 13 ministers and three deputies who had tendered their resignations from the 28-member Cabinet, among them Manuel.

The statement did not clarify that six of those who resigned, including Manuel, had already told the governing African Nation-



South African supporters of ousted President Thabo Mbeki hold Mbeki's portrait as they demonstrate outside Parliament in Capetown, South Africa, on Tuesday.

al Congress that they were willing to serve a new government, expected to be in place by the end of the week.

That important context came within an hour, from Manuel's spokeswoman Thoraya Pandey.

Pandey said Manuel and his respected deputy, Jabulani Moleketi, "want to make it clear that they are ready to serve the new administration in any capacity that the incoming president deems fit."

MICHELLE FAUL (AP)

CERN: Collider Shut off Until Spring

Previously announced repairs will run into winter shutdown time

GENEVA | Scientists will have to wait until spring to use the world's largest particle collider for groundbreaking research because previously announced repairs will run into the normal winter shutdown, the operators said Tuesday.

The European Organization for Nuclear Research earlier said an electrical failure Friday, nine days after the collider was started, released a large amount of liquid

helium into the tunnel.

Experts have gone into the 17-mile circular tunnel housing the Large Hadron Collider to check on damage caused when an electrical connection between two magnets

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The number of hours the Large Hadron Collider was in use before a mechanical problem occurred.

apparently melted, said James Gillies, spokesman for the organization, which is known as CERN.

But they have to wait several weeks before the temperature can be raised from near absolute

zero so they can actually go inside the equipment and fully assess the damage, Gillies said.

But he added it is clear that at least two months will be needed for the whole procedure, including the recharging of equipment to obtain the "superconducting" properties needed to send subatomic particles streaming through the collider in beams that can be collided for studies.

That would go past the shutdown already scheduled for CERN's facility to begin its winter break, which usually starts in mid-November.

ALEXANDER G. HIGGINS (AP)

ISRAEL | BEND IT LIKE OLMERT



KICKOFF SURPRISE: A combination of three photos shows Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert kicking a soccer ball — and accidentally also kicking off his shoe — during a visit to a sports stadium in Kiryat Shmona, Israel, on Tuesday.

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World



Former Myanmar political prisoner Win Tin, 78, right, is hugged by a friend after being freed Tuesday. The journalist-turned-activist was incarcerated for 19 years.

Myanmar Frees 9,000 Prisoners

Longest-held inmate freed ahead of deadly protest's anniversary

YANGON, MYANMAR | Myanmar's longest-serving political prisoner was among more than 9,000 inmates freed Tuesday, days before the first anniversary of the junta's deadly crackdown on anti-government protests led by Buddhist monks.

Win Tin, a journalist-turned-activist and aide to pro-democracy opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi, was held for 19 years. He was one of at least seven political prisoners released, Amnesty International said.

The rights group said there are an estimated 2,100 political prisoners in Myanmar, which has been under military rule for 46 years and is one of the world's poorest and most authoritarian nations.

A longtime journalist and poet,

while in prison Win Tin would write poems on the walls of his cell with ink made of brick powder and water, according to supporters who visited him. He said he would keep wearing his prison blues as a sign of protest against the military rulers, and he vowed to keep pressing for more freedom.

"I have to continue with my unfinished task of trying to achieve democracy in Myanmar," he said in Yangon after being released from Insein Prison.

While incarcerated, Win Tin had two heart attacks and a hernia operation, and suffered from high blood pressure, diabetes and spinal inflammation, according to international media groups. Now 78, he appeared alert and healthy despite recent reports of being ill.

When asked how it felt to be free, Win Tin said, "I will be happy only when all political prisoners, including Aung San Suu Kyi are released." (AP)



YOUR CALL: Somalia remains rooted to the bottom of a global corruption index that also features Iraq and Afghanistan among the world's most corrupt countries, an international watchdog's annual report said Tuesday. The report said Denmark, Sweden, New Zealand and Singapore share the honor of being the world's least corrupt countries. (AP)

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Local

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BELTWAY BLOCKER: A truck fire Tuesday morning shut down for three hours the Outer Loop of the Capital Beltway in Maryland, north of the Potomac River. The truck was carrying oxygen, acetylene and other hazardous materials. The truck's driver suffered minor injuries and was taken to a hospital.

Poll: Warner Leads in Va.

Post-ABC poll shows Gilmore lagging by 30 points in senate race

Former Republican governor James S. Gilmore III has not gained any traction for his U.S. Senate campaign against Democratic candidate Mark R. Warner over the past year, adding to Democratic hopes that the party will have two Virginia senators next year for the first time since 1970, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News poll.

Warner, also a former governor, leads Gilmore among likely voters by 61 percent to 31 percent. Warner's 30-point advantage is nearly identical to the margin he held



Gilmore



Warner

over Gilmore in a Washington Post poll last October, a month before the Republican formally entered the race.

Warner's advantage rests on the six in 10 voters who believe his views on most issues are ideologically aligned with theirs. Far fewer feel that way about Gilmore.

About four in 10 think Gilmore's positions are about right, while 31 percent said they are too con-

servative. One in five said Warner's views are too liberal.

The poll, conducted Thursday through Sunday, shows that Warner has a lead in every region of the state with six weeks left in the campaign.

Warner is ahead by nearly 40 points in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads and has a 30-point lead in central Virginia, which includes Richmond and its suburbs, Gilmore's home political base.

Warner has support from 97 percent of the voters who identified themselves as Democrats and near-universal support from blacks (94 percent) and liberals (89 percent). **TIM CRAIG AND JENNIFER AGIESTA (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

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Mid-day Cash 5	7-9-18-27-34
Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)	1-3-9-13-32

O'Malley Claims He's Working Hard for Slots in Md.

WASHINGTON | Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley says he's working hard for the passage of a November referendum on slot machine gambling in the state, despite claims to the contrary.

The governor responded to reports that he's distancing himself from the issue Tuesday, saying he agrees with Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett,

who announced last week that he is reluctantly supporting the measure.



O'Malley

O'Malley says in a perfect world, the state would not have to face the decision, but gambling revenue will help the state avoid higher

taxes or budget cuts in areas like education. Proponents say slots are expected to provide hundreds of millions of dollars a year in revenue, but critics say those revenues won't start flowing for years if voters approve the referendum.

The Democratic governor made the comments during an appearance on WTOP's "Ask the Governor" program. (AP)

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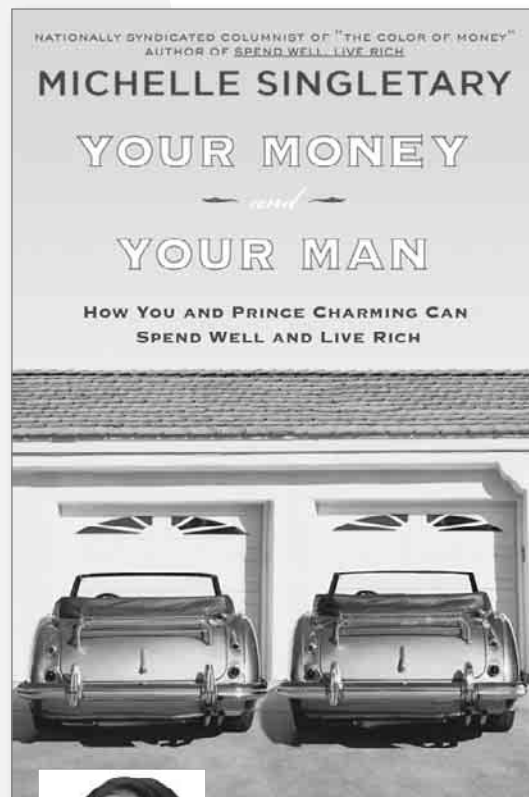
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Money

Google's Cell App Debuts

T-Mobile's G1 phone is the first to use the company's software

NEW YORK | The first cell phone running Google Inc.'s mobile software looks something like Apple's iPhone and has a large touch screen, but it also packs a trackball, a slide-out keyboard and easy access to Google's e-mail and mapping programs.

Google made its debut as a cell phone software provider Tuesday at an event where wireless carrier T-Mobile said it will begin selling the G1 phone for \$179 with a two-year contract. The device hits U.S. stores Oct. 22.

The phone will be sold in T-Mobile stores only in U.S. cities where the company has rolled out its faster, third-generation wireless data network. The phone does work on T-Mobile's slower data network, but it's optimized for faster networks.

Sergey Brin and Larry Page, Google's founders, made a surprise appearance at the launch. "It's just very exciting for me as a computer geek to be able to have a phone that I can play with and modify and innovate upon just like I have with computers in the past," Brin said.

He said he'd written an applica-



T-Mobile's G1 cell phone with Google software was unveiled on Tuesday in New York City. Google is giving away the Android software to third-party developers.

tion for Android already: When a user throws the phone into the air, the program records how long it takes until it lands, using the phone's motion sensor. Brin acknowledged the wisdom of including such a program with an expensive phone is dubious.

"We did not include that one by default," he said.

Google is giving away Android, the software that underlies the G1, for free, and opening the operating system to third-party developers who can create their own programs. Google hopes that, in turn, mobile phones will provide even more ways for people to interact with the company's advertising network.

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Home Prices Fall 5.3 Percent in July

Property values have slipped to levels last seen in October 2005

WASHINGTON | Nationwide home prices in July fell a record 5.3 percent compared with a year ago, a government agency said Tuesday, and have now receded to October 2005 levels.

Prices were down 0.6 percent from June on a seasonally adjusted basis, according to the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

The national decline in home values coupled with reckless lending standards during the real estate boom are the driving forces behind rising mortgage defaults and fore-



The troubles in the housing market are inflaming the crisis on Wall Street.

closures. They have spurred a credit crisis that has shaken Wall Street and caused the Bush administration to propose a \$700 billion bailout.

The real estate industry expects

more weak news Wednesday when the National Association of Realtors releases existing home sales for August.

The housing agency's director, James Lockhart, suggested Tuesday that mortgage finance companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac could loosen lending standards to help more homebuyers qualify for a loan and stabilize the market. The government took control of Fannie and Freddie earlier this month.

"I expect any changes to reflect both safe and sound business strategy and attentiveness to the [companies'] mission," Lockhart said Tuesday in testimony prepared for a Senate Banking Committee hearing. ALAN ZIBEL (AP)

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Cars



An employee works on the Ford Fiesta in Cologne, Germany. Ford plans to morph itself into a car company by bringing some European models to the United States.

Ford Plans Major Direction Change

Truck company looks
to change its focus to
cars in North America

DETROIT | Ford Motor Co.'s plan to morph itself from a truck company into a car company in North America is backed by market research showing that a new line of global small cars will be well received in the United States when they go on sale in 2010, company executives said.

But getting from now until then will take more cash incentives in a shrinking U.S. market with fearful consumers and tight credit, the automaker's top marketing executive told reporters Monday night.

Ford, trying to allay concerns about how it will be profitable as its primary market shuns high-dollar trucks and sport utility vehicles, put three top executives before reporters inside the factory just north of downtown Detroit that made the first Model T almost a century ago.

Added cash incentives could be good news for consumers. Many of them need the money to increase down payments to qualify for financing, said Jim Farley, vice president of marketing.

Yet the keys to Ford's once again making money are in savings from developing models produced and sold globally, said Derrick Kuzak,

group vice president of global product development. When models are engineered once and have common parts, they are far less costly to produce and more profitable, he said.

On the product side, Ford said it will leverage its expertise making top-selling small cars in Europe so it has top products in the U.S. and worldwide. U.S. market research, Kuzak said, shows that people will pay higher prices for Ford's small cars

“We need to deliver profitable small cars in North America.”

DERRICK KUZAK, FORD V.P. OF GLOBAL PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

because they are perceived to have better features, looks and quality.

“We need to deliver profitable small cars in North America,” Kuzak told reporters.

The European-designed Fiesta subcompact and Focus compact will surpass competitors in acceptance of design as well as features and fuel economy, he said.

The company already has revitalized its European products, which are selling well, and they should sell in the U.S. as high gasoline prices make well-equipped small cars more desirable, the executives said.

TOM KRISHER (AP)

2010

The year in which Chrysler LLC plans to start selling an electric car in North America. The company has developed three electric prototypes: a Dodge sports car, a Jeep and a Chrysler minivan, but Chrysler's product development chief, Frank Klegon, said the automaker hasn't decided which one it will roll out first.

Cars

Sound and Fury

Supercharged 2009 CTS-V is not your father's old Cadillac

SCREECH | With 556 horsepower under its tented hood and a cross-wire grille that looks inspired by the maximum-security wing at Chino State Prison, the 2009 Cadillac CTS-V seems, well, sort of aggressive. Remember when Cadillacs were soft and pillowy and ambled around town in a kind of Vicodin haze? Remember when you felt like you needed to slip into supportive undergarments to drive one? Doesn't that seem like a long time ago?

Yes, this is a Cadillac, and yes, the second-generation CTS launched in 2007 was pre-engineered, so to speak, to handle the additional horsepower and ludicrous cornering loads the "V" modifications generate. But this car is night-and-day different from the regular CTS.

For starters, there is a 6.2-liter Corvette-ish engine under the hood, supercharged to within a hairy inch of its life. This engine does not produce a mellow flutter, a deep sonorous rumble, a seismic stirring like that of some distant underground fault. No. This engine screams like it's got its hand on the stove. It howls. It whines like the season 1 DVD collection of "The View."



The 2009 Cadillac CTS-V clings to corners and has horsepower to burn. It boasts a 6.2-liter engine, yet its fuel economy is 14 mpg for city driving and 18 mpg for highway.

The CTS-V uses Cadillac's Magnetic Ride Control suspension system, which adjusts itself for cornering loads, and for grip and road conditions. The normal setting is plenty horsey, but the Sport setting is terrific. The car clings to corners like a skulking private detective. Big corner-to-corner transitions that would unsettle other cars are nulled out instantly.

Now, it's no surprise that GM could throw enough brains and bucks at this project to make a world-class sports sedan. What is surprising is that the package is so refined and seductive.

DAN NEIL (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

NUTS & BOLTS

→ 2009 CADILLAC CTS-V

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Powertrain: Supercharged and intercooled 6.2-liter overhead valve, 16-valve V8 with variable valve timing; six-speed automatic or manual transmission; rear-wheel drive. | **Wheelbase:** 113.4 inches | **Measurements:** 191.6 inches long, 4,300 pounds | **Horsepower:** 556 at 6,100 rpm | **Torque:** 551 at 3,800 | **EPA Fuel Economy:** 14 mpg city, 18 highway.

DISCUSSIONS

REAL WHEELS

My mother had an accident in her Volvo S40 and is now shopping for a replacement. Would you have any specific recommendations for vehicles in this class & price range (\$29,000 base)?

Have your mother take a look at the Toyota Corolla, which has been nicely updated for 2009. Its safe, fuel-efficient and available fully loaded for less than \$21,000 — an overall better value than her S40.

Lately, carmakers are making gas mileage the main focus of their commercials. Overlooking the fact that they don't mention that the mileage they're shouting about is highway, not city, I'm underwhelmed at the MPG they're bragging about — as low as 24 MPG. I have a 2001 VW Golf turbodiesel that was rated 42/47 new and still averages about 40. What's up today? Can automakers truly not build a car that's as fuel efficient as those built seven, 10 or more years ago?

I share your disgruntlement over the industry's mpg bragging, which, as you point out, tends to emphasize highway mileage over city mileage. It would be better to talk about combined city-highway mileage. But, many times, for me at least, highway mileage is the easiest to monitor because most of my driving is on the highway. But let's not beat upon the industry for its sudden affection for good mileage, which

is nothing more than a reflection of the American consumer's new-found affection for the same. We're all waking up from a cheap-gas hangover. Nobody should be pointing fingers for the sins committed at that party. We all attended and had a hell of a good time.

If you don't want to pay for premium fuel, don't buy a car for which premium is required or recommended.

When do I need to put premium fuel in my car? I have been told to use only premium fuel for my 2006 Acura TSX. Is this really necessary or just marketing hype?

Everybody, listen up: If you have a turbocharged engine, use premium. If you have a supercharged engine, used premium. If the owner's manual says premium is "required," use premium. If it says premium is "recommended for best performance," you can use a lower grade. You don't need premium in a car designed to run on regular. Premium will not make a regular car run or feel better. If you don't want to pay for premium fuel, don't buy a car for which premium is required or recommended.



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Travel

Four Days on the C&O

Cyclists from expert to novice can bike the 185-mile canal

TRAVELING | Can we all just get along?

That question ran quietly through my mind as I prepared to lead a dozen work mates on a four-day bicycle ride along the C&O Canal from Cumberland in western Maryland to Washington.

Prickly personalities weren't the concern. The big gap in biking experience was.

A few of us were veterans of weeks-long or even months-long expeditions in the saddle. Several others had barely been on a bike for years. Our bikes ranged from fancy wheels right out of the shop to tough old machines.

And we had 184.5 miles to cover — together.

Not a problem. There's something about the C&O that makes these differences not matter.

Bicycling the canal, on a dirt towpath where mules once hauled barges, is like riding through a watercolor painting of nature all day. Spring, summer and deep into fall, it's like inhaling a passage from "Walden" and exhaling a verse from Robert Frost.

After splashing through the first dozen mud puddles, seeing the first of the turtles lazing on fallen trees in still water, and getting swallowed by the luscious greenery — as if we'd leaped into that painting — I knew we'd found our stride.

The C&O, it turns out, is an ideal proving ground for casual cyclists looking to push their limits. It's long, flat and traffic-free,



Cyclists bike through greenery on the C&O Canal towpath east of Cumberland, Md.

SAVING THE CANAL

Thirty years after it went out of business, the C&O Canal seemed destined to become a paved parkway until Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas stepped in with a novel way to sway public opinion against bulldozers:

→ The ardent conservationist wrote to editors of The Washington Post and invited them to walk the canal's 185 miles with him. The paper had published editorials in favor of the road project. Douglas wanted the editors to see the natural glory that would be lost. They accepted. On March 20, 1954, the group set out. Douglas became a pied piper of the ecology movement as dozens of conservationists and interested citizens joined the walk along the way. Schoolchildren and townspeople cheered the hikers. The group walked for eight days, one in a driving snowstorm. Afterward, public opinion — and The Post's editorial page — turned against the parkway. The land was preserved and, in 1971, became a national park. (AP)

plus gorgeous.

Those same qualities engage dedicated cyclists, too, who can stretch the daily mileage if they want and speed a little faster through the same grand tapestry.

And what a tapestry. On one side is the broad, rushing Potomac River; on the other, the placid canal. Above, a canopy of leaves.

We often found ourselves three or more miles apart front to back

as the days stretched out. We'd pair up to chat for a spell, drop back to take pictures or race ahead to visit a companion.

We'd ride for tranquil periods with no one else from the group in sight — alone but never really alone.

Expert riders can do it all in two days but won't be stopping to smell the wildflowers. Three days on dirt is a good workout even for seasoned cyclists. CALVIN WOODWARD (AP)

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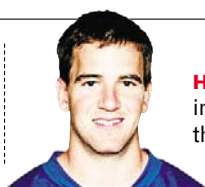
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Sports



HE'S NO MARION BARRY: Super Bowl MVP Eli Manning unveiled a likeness of himself in front of Madame Tussauds New York. "It looks amazing," Manning said. Manning is the first New York Giants player featured at the wax museum in Times Square.

Steelers to Run Rookie At Ravens

Mendenhall will start in place of the injured Parker Monday night

NFL | The Steelers' running game struggled last season when Willie Parker was injured. They're convinced that won't happen now that they have Rashard Mendenhall.



Mendenhall

The Steelers' main injury worry following their 15-6 loss Sunday in Philadelphia was the punishment QB Ben Roethlisberger took while being sacked eight times. When Tomlin revealed his injury list Tuesday, Roethlisberger wasn't on it, but Parker was — the Pro Bowl runner has a sprained knee that will keep him out of Monday night's home game against Baltimore (2-0).

Tomlin wouldn't discuss the specifics of Parker's injury or whether he might also miss the Oct. 5 game at Jacksonville. Mendenhall has 28 yards on 10 carries. (AP)

Protection Is a Priority for Redskins

Dallas' 3-4 scheme could cause fits for Washington's O-line

REDSKINS | The last time the Redskins faced a 3-4 defense, coach Jim Zorn was less than pleased with the results. It was back in the pre-season, and the game against the Jets seems meaningless now. But Zorn ruminated over the implications of the game for several days, after QB Jason Campbell and the offensive line struggled to read New York's blitzes and adjust protections.

On Sunday, the Redskins face one of the NFL's premier 3-4 schemes, under far less hospitable conditions, with significantly more on the line.

Washington and Dallas will play the latest edition of one of the league's storied divisional grudge matches for the final time at Texas Stadium. There have been no lack of highlight reel plays from these meetings, but for all of the theatrics, Redskins-Cowboys games usually come down to simple brutality at the line of scrimmage, and which team manages to harass the quarterback with greater frequency.

Washington's veteran blockers are familiar with the challenges



Greg Ellis, top right, and DeMarcus Ware team up for a sack on Donovan McNabb.

"We've been bringing him along, working with him and trying to get him ready because we're definitely going to need him."

Jason Campbell is one of many who say rookie receiver Devin Thomas has made long strides the last few weeks | **Today, Sports**

IN The Washington Post

Dallas's front seven present: the three down linemen and four linebackers are a collection of girth, size, speed and strength fitted into a versatile defensive scheme. The Redskins may be forced to change their starting right tackle, with veteran Jon Jansen in line to replace Stephon Heyer, who has a shoulder injury.

"There's a lot of variation in

3-4 teams, it's just inherent in the defense when you've got certain personnel," said Jansen, the longest serving Redskin. "New England's 3-4, a lot of times they don't even go with three down linemen, they use a lot of linebackers, and Dallas's 3-4 is very stout up front. They've got two guys outside who are pretty special [outside linebackers DeMarcus Ware and Greg Ellis], and obviously Ware is probably the better of the two. But you've got to account for basically five defensive linemen against Dallas at all times."

For all of Clinton's Portis's courage and abandon in pass protection, the physical disparity between him and this group might mean he can't get enough of a chip block to derail the pass rusher. Tight ends are often forced to block more in the running and passing game to help neutralize Dallas's power at the line.

"It's kind of like a who's who of defensive players out there," said center Casey Rabach, who must adapt to having a nose tackle lined up against all game, rather than offset to one side. "We'll definitely try to fan some protections and put our big guys on their big guys and keep them off the backs. Otherwise, it comes down to one-on-one matchups."

JASON LA CANFORA (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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The amount, in millions of dollars, Stephon Marbury is set to earn this year from the New York Knicks, who are expected to waive him this week, ESPN.com reported.

Sports

No Arenas, No Problem?

Wizards front office: Playoffs are the goal with or without guard

WIZARDS | The prospect of a month or two — or who knows how long? — without Gilbert Arenas has not dimmed the expectations of the men who run the Wizards.

Sitting side by side Tuesday, president Ernie Grunfeld and coach Eddie Jordan made clear they expect their team to make the playoffs for a fifth consecutive season. Grunfeld's stated goal is to earn home-court advantage for the first round.

Last season's trip to the postseason despite only 13 regular-season games from Arenas makes the duo optimistic about how the Wizards will fare while the All-Star guard recovers from a third operation on his left knee in the past 1½ years.

"We feel very confident in the players that we have and the way we played last year, the way we shared the ball, moved the ball, played defense and made the play-offs," Jordan said.

He paused, then added: "But, certainly, you need a Gilbert Arenas to get to where we want to go — we certainly want to win an NBA championship."

It's uncertain when Arenas will be healthy. Or, for that matter, when he'll start practicing, when he'll play in a game, when he'll be a 30-point scorer and when he'll be a buzzer-beating MVP candidate again.

"We don't have a time frame for when he's going to be back," Grunfeld said. "It's a process. We expect him to be back and be an outstand-



Wizards coach Eddie Jordan said he is confident his team can return to the playoffs.

JUAN DONS WIZ JERSEY Grunfeld announced on Tuesday the team signed PG Juan Dixon:

→ Dixon was selected by the Wizards with the 17th overall pick in the 2002 NBA draft after a standout career at Maryland, where he won a national title. The point guard has played for four teams in his six-year career, averaging 8.9 points and 1.7 assists per game. "He is a tough, hard-nosed competitor who can score, and his familiarity with our system is an added plus," Grunfeld said.

ing player in this league. This, for us, is not a two- or three-month proposition. We're looking at the long term here. He's only 26."

In other words, while the sooner Arenas is back, the better, the Wizards are going to be patient, knowing they signed the player to a six-year, \$111 million contract in July.

"He's the straw that stirs the drink," said Jordan, whose contract option for 2009-10 was picked up Monday by Grunfeld, "and certainly we are optimistic that he is going to recover and be a star for us again."

Jordan doesn't want to look too far ahead. He'll begin figuring out exactly how to work Arenas — who is expected to be with the Wizards during training camp, which opens Saturday in Richmond, Va. — into the rotation when Arenas is ready. As it is, even before Arenas had surgery last week, Jordan figured he wasn't going to have his top scorer at 100 percent to start the season.

"I've got 14 guys in that locker room that have to prepare themselves for training camp and preseason and November. And we know Gil's not going to be around for training camp, preseason, November. That's an easy walk for me," Jordan said. HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

BASEBALL (7 P.M. ON ESPN) In a potential postseason matchup, the Cubs play the Mets at Shea Stadium.

NATIONALS (7 P.M. ON MASN2) Nobody cares about the pitchers in the Marlins-Nationals game, but it will pit Florida's Josh Johnson against Tim Lincecum.

ORIOLES (7 P.M. ON MASN) The Rays are on the verge of clinching the AL East. The Orioles have already clinched last place.

Rams Bench Bulger, Go With Green

NFL | Marc Bulger is out as the Rams' starting quarterback after throwing only two touchdown passes in three games and will be replaced by 38-year-old Trent Green for Sunday's game against Buffalo.

The benching of the Rams' highest-paid player, announced by coach Scott Linehan in a terse, two-paragraph release on Tuesday, signals just how desperate times have become for the sagging franchise.

Linehan is 11-24 in his third season, including 0-3 this year with none of the games competitive.

Last week, Linehan was told by new owner Chip Rosenbloom that improvements need to be made or that changes would be forthcoming. This is Linehan's first head coaching job at any level, earned off success as an offensive coordinator with the Dolphins and Vikings.

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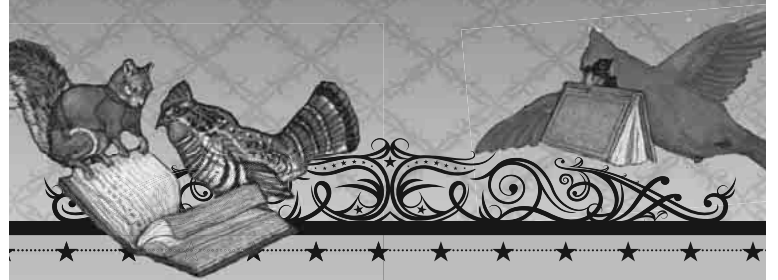


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JUST 18? New York City police say they arrested more than a dozen people for stealing pieces of Yankee Stadium during the 85-year-old ballpark's final game. Police say 18 fans were charged with possessing stolen property.

Sports

For Cubs, History Is on the Horizon

Talk of team's first World Series title in 100 years hits Wrigley

BASEBALL | A young man in a black polo shirt and cargo shorts pushes through a small crowd of people waiting for rides home outside Wrigley Field's employee exit and steps into the cool sunshine of a glorious late afternoon, hanging a left on Waveland Avenue. It is late September, the Cubbies are on the verge of clinching the division, and Wrigleyville is swollen with pennant fever. It spills out of the bars at the corner of Waveland and Clark, rising into a constant, piercing din. And then suddenly the fever breaks. Calm



A Cubs fan holds up a sign during Chicago's win over the Cardinals on Saturday.

prevails. The young man walks on.

As Ryan Dempster crosses Clark, his steps interrupted only once by a group of fans who have recognized

him as the Cubs' winningest pitcher. This is Dempster's neighborhood. This is baseball's American dream. Dempster, 31, is nearly halfway

Is It Their Year?

→ Dave Sheinin takes a look at this year's Cubs team and what winning has done to Wrigleyville. Plus, Thomas Boswell writes about the surprise Rays. Do they have what it takes to win it all? | **Today, Sports**

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through the four-block walk from his office to his home, and there is no getting around the notion that, at this very moment, it is quite possible no one in the entire universe has it better than he.

"My office is Wrigley Field," he says, as if in disbelief. "I walk to work. I pitch for the Cubs. We're going to the playoffs."

This is the Cubs' third National League Central title in the past six years, a run of fortune that hasn't occurred for this beleaguered franchise in nearly a century, but there is also a sense that this team is unlike the ones that came up short in 2003 and 2007. With 95 wins entering Tuesday, these Cubs have a good shot at becoming the franchise's winningest team since the 1945. That was also the last time the Cubs made it to the World Series.

It was Dempster who said way back in February, "I think we're going to win the World Series" — a statement that was met with gasps and shudders from many Cubs fans, conditioned as they are to never, ever tempt fate. He also said: "Enough of the 'curse' this, 'curse' that, the 'goat' this, the 'black cat' that, the 100 years, whatever it is."

DAVE SHEININ (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Goalie Finds Links With Teammates

Capitals' Theodore must replace 2 star goaltenders in 1 year

CAPITALS | Golf may not be the sport he plays for a living, but it was on the links last month that new Capitals goalie Jose Theodore showed just how quick his transition to Washington could be.

Since arriving in the area in early August, Theodore has made a habit of joining backup netminder Brent Johnson on the greens. One day, members of the Capitals' coaching staff came along, and a match



Jose Theodore lowered his goals-against average to 2.44 last season.

broke out pitting the new teammates against their coaching counterparts. When asked last Friday, as players reported to training camp, who shot

the lower score — him or Johnson — Theodore would only concede the coaches had won. "I don't want to throw anyone under the bus," he explained with a smirk on his face.

A diplomatic and emblematic response for a player who must quickly be embraced by a new team.

Theodore, who signed a two-year, \$9 million contract in July, has the unenviable task of replacing two goalies in one net. This offseason, the Capitals allowed goalie Cristobal Huet, who won nine straight starts to propel the team into the playoffs last season, to sign with Chicago. The organization also parted ways

with franchise legend Olaf Kolzig, who signed with Tampa Bay after 15 years in Washington.

"I don't see myself as replacing [anyone]," Theodore said of Kolzig. "I just see myself as I have a great chance to play for a great team."

Known for his talented but sometimes inconsistent play in stints with Montreal and Colorado, Theodore had a comeback year of sorts last season. The 12-year pro lowered his goals against average by nearly a goal per game to 2.44, while leading the Avalanche to the second round of the playoffs.

"This team is ready to take it to another level," said Theodore. "So, I want to take it to the next level as well." MARK GIANNOTTO

Ailing QB Favre Should Still Start

NFL | Brett Favre's playing streak appears safe. The New York quarterback rolled his left ankle during the third quarter of the Jets' 48-29 loss at San Diego on Monday night, but coach Eric Mangini wasn't overly concerned about Favre's injury.

"Brett usually plays," Mangini said, "and I would anticipate the same."

Favre was limping noticeably after the injury and in the locker room after the game. He has started an NFL-record 256 straight regular-season games, and is expected to start Sunday at home against Arizona. (AP)

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Sports

SORE LEG, OUT ONE WEEK: Penn State coach Joe Paterno, 81, hopes to be back on the sideline Saturday for the 12th-ranked Nittany Lions' Big Ten opener against No. 22 Illinois. Paterno has a sore right leg. He coached from the press box after halftime in last week's rout of Temple.



ACC Challenge Starts With Clemson

Consistency is the key for Terrapins as they start conference play

TERPS FOOTBALL | They insisted their attention was purely on Eastern Michigan. They said the only thing that mattered was that one game, and only after it was done would they begin to look at the rest of the schedule.

The Maryland Terrapins certainly played that way Saturday in a 51-24 victory.

And only minutes after celebrating their most prolific offensive performance in four years, the Terrapins began looking forward toward play. Eight games remain, all against ACC foes, beginning with road games at Clemson and Virginia before a matchup at home against



Quarterback Chris Turner and the Terrapins have pulled off two impressive wins at home since losing at Middle Tennessee State. But the ACC schedule will be tougher.

Secondary Concerns

→ The Terrapins are 3-1 this season, but teams have been able to beat them through the air. Does Clemson have the weapons to take advantage? | **Today, Sports**

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Wake Forest. That was the topic of discussion in the Maryland locker room after Saturday's rout.

"I brought up Clemson, I brought up Virginia, and I brought up Wake Forest," coach Ralph Friedgen said. "I said this is a very big stretch for us. We need to put all our focus into playing the best we can right now. If we do well, we'll be right in the mix. It starts next Saturday down there in Death Valley."

Facing Clemson on the road won't be easy, but the Terrapins (3-1)

believe moving the ball won't be an issue. Maryland scored six touchdowns against Eastern Michigan, and the 51 points was its most in one game since a 55-point effort against Duke in 2004.

"We were very consistent," said quarterback Chris Turner, who threw for two scores.

The Terrapins, however, were far from perfect. They were never in danger of losing, as they did two weeks earlier against underdog Middle Tennessee State, but Maryland led by only 24-14 at halftime after being outgained 291-178 in total yardage.

It will take two solid halves to beat Clemson on the road, and the Terps know it. Unless Maryland improves defensively in the span of a week, it could get ugly.

"If we don't raise our level, we can possibly get embarrassed," Barnes said. "Similar to how we prepared for Cal last week, we have to prepare even more." **DAVID GINSBURG (AP)**



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Sports

Huskers' Pelini Faces His First Test

Va. Tech is first team Nebraska will play from a BCS conference

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Three games into the season, Nebraska's identity under first-year coach Bo Pelini remains a mystery with the Big 12 opener against Missouri looming.

The unbeaten Cornhuskers should get a better idea of themselves after Virginia Tech visits Memorial Stadium on Saturday.

"We feel we've played some quality opponents up to this point, but it'll be good to have a little more of a high-profile game," Pelini said Monday. "It'll be a good test for us."

The Hokies (3-1) will be the first opponent from a BCS conference for Nebraska (3-0), which has beaten Western Michigan, San

Jose State and New Mexico State. The game will be the Huskers' final tuneup before No. 6 Missouri visits Oct. 4.

The Hokies, who lost to East Carolina in their opener, have followed a win over Furman with back-to-back 20-17 victories against Atlantic Coast Conference opponents Georgia Tech and North Carolina.

"They're a good team with a very outstanding reputation and a lot of tradition," Pelini said. "They've played well over a long period of time. We know we'll have our work cut out for us, but we don't approach it any different."

Virginia Tech and Nebraska are playing the first of two games in a home-and-home series. The Huskers visit Blacksburg next year.

"You're playing one of the great all-time programs. You say Nebras-



Bo Pelini yells at his team during its win against Western Michigan in week 1.

ka, you think of college football. Big time," Beamer said. "Myself and a lot of these kids haven't been there. We look forward to coming and seeing the atmosphere."

The Hokies and Huskers have played once, in the 1996 Orange Bowl. Nebraska won 41-21 after breaking open a three-point game late in the third quarter. That Orange Bowl game came near the beginning of Virginia Tech's emergence on the national college football scene. Since 1995, the Hokies' total of 129 wins trails only Ohio State (133) and Florida (130).

"I thought they taught us what it took to be big-time that night," Beamer said. "We hung in there with them with our first group, but that second and third group Nebraska had, that's what got us."

ERIC OLSON (AP)

Ohio State's RB Wells Could Play Vs. Minnesota

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Tailback Chris "Beanie" Wells may finally be returning to the lineup for No. 14 Ohio State.

Buckeyes coach Jim Tressel said Tuesday that Wells was probable for Saturday's Big Ten opener against Minnesota at Ohio Stadium.

Wells would likely share time with Dan Herron, who has started in his place. The Buckeyes also have replaced fifth-year senior Todd Boeckman at quarterback with freshman Terrelle Pryor.

Wells hurt his right foot early in the third quarter of the opening win against Youngstown State and has missed the Buckeyes' wins over Ohio and Troy, and the lopsided loss at top-ranked Southern California two weeks ago. (AP)

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Entertainment



FACE-OFF: Richard Gere and Diane Lane have perfected the "I'm sad and love-deprived" face. Here, they admire each other's.

Two's Company

Richard Gere and Diane Lane reunite in 'Nights in Rodanthe'

CHUMS | Diane Lane and Richard Gere have a special on-screen magic. They first sizzled 24 years ago as star-crossed lovers in Francis Ford Coppola's "The Cotton Club." Then they played an estranged couple who rekindle their passion in

2002's "Unfaithful." They now pair up as two lonely adults who get a second chance at love in the romantic drama "Nights in Rodanthe," based on the best-selling Nicholas Sparks novel.

Lane, 43, and Gere, 59, have a connection offscreen, too. They enjoy an easy rapport, teasing each other like old friends.

They didn't always get along well. Lane reveals she was put off by

Gere, who was a major sex symbol in the 1980, thanks to turns in films such as "American Gigolo."

Part of that had to do with their awkward introduction. She resented the fact that Coppola made her audition with Gere for "Cotton Club," even though she'd worked with the director twice before (on "The Outsiders" and "Rumble Fish.")

"I walked in the room and I already was [ticked off]," Lane

recalls. "So, I was, like [in a snippy tone], 'Hi. I'm here. Do you like me?'"

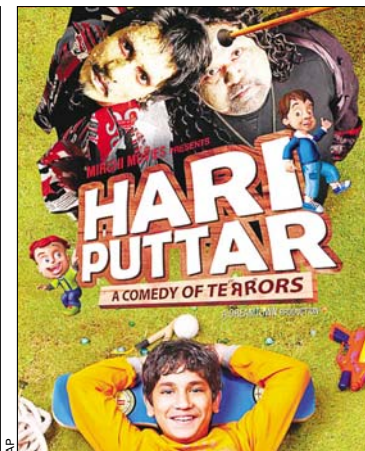
"I have no memory of this whatsoever," says Gere. "I only remember she was an absolute doll."

In "Nights in Rodanthe," Lane plays a woman at a crossroads. Separated from her philandering husband, she has to decide whether to forgive him and allow him to return home. She sets off for a weekend trip to Rodanthe, a small, resort town on the scenic Outer Banks of North Carolina, where she agrees to house-sit at a seaside inn run by her best friend, who's going away on business. The place is deserted — it's the off-season — but the locale is supposed to give her space.

Her isolation ends with the arrival of a guest, a middle-aged man from the city. Recently divorced, this plastic surgeon has arrived in town to try to make peace with the relatives of a patient whose surgery went wrong. Together, these strangers share the same roof but are in their own worlds, trying to deal with their inner emotional turmoil. As a major storm closes in, they turn to each other for comfort and set off on a life-changing romance.

Lane says she and Gere weren't specifically looking for something to work on together, but it was a happy coincidence that it worked out.

"I keep trying to find things that I can't do with her, because it's so obvious that we should be doing everything together," Gere jokes. "Every time I read something, I always go, 'It's Diane, isn't it?'" ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWSWIRE)



POSTER CHILD: This "Hari Puttar" ad is so lame, the "Potter" folks should chill.

A 'Hari' Debate Cut Short

Indian court rules Bollywood film doesn't rip on 'Harry Potter'

RULINGS | Move over, "Harry Potter." Make way for "Hari Puttar." "Hari Puttar" is set to hit cinema screens this week after an Indian court rejected a Warner Bros. suit claiming the name was too similar to its "Harry Potter" series' name.

The court said in its ruling Monday that people who have watched the "Harry Potter" movies and read the books would know the difference between that and an Indian Punjabi film called "Hari Puttar — A Comedy of Terrors."

The producers, Mirchi Movies, said the "Puttar" movie bore no resemblance to "Potter." Hari is a common name in India and Hindi for God, while "puttar" is Punjabi for son.

"Hari Puttar" is not a tale of magic, but the story of a boy and his cousin forgotten at home in Britain where his family has recently moved — in a plot more reminiscent of "Home Alone."

Warner Bros. spokeswoman Deborah Lincoln said the "Hari Puttar" producers wanted to "confuse consumers and benefit from the well-known and well-loved 'Harry Potter' brand."

RAMOLA TALWAR BADAM (AP)

'Will & Grace' Would Be Proud

More bisexual and gay characters are appearing on TV

TRENDS | Broadcast television will have 16 gay and bisexual regular characters in prime-time series this fall, more than double the seven of a year ago, a new study has found.

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation said it was a positive sign of networks' making their shows more representative,

although more work needed to be done. These characters accounted for 2.6 percent of all the regular characters in TV series, up from 1.1 percent last year, according to the study, released Monday.

GLAAD President Neil Giuliano singled out Fox for having five such regular characters this fall, considering there were none a year earlier. The character Thirteen on "House" is bisexual, while the new show "Do Not Disturb" has a gay man.

None of the 126 regular charac-



Callie Torres (Sara Ramirez) is a bisexual doctor on ABC's "Grey's Anatomy."

ters on CBS shows is gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, GLAAD said, and only one recurring character — Brad on "Rules of Engagement" — is gay. ABC will have seven characters that are either gay men or bisexual women this fall, NBC will have three and the CW will have one, according to GLAAD.

There were no lesbians among the regulars, according to GLAAD. But there are five bisexual women characters, including Callie Torres on ABC's "Grey's Anatomy." (AP)

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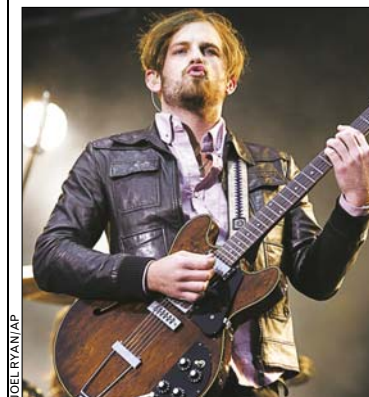
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Caleb Followill ponders: If I make my lips look kissable, will critics love me?

An Epic Aim for The Kings

Band opts for grand anthems instead of Southern roots-rock

ROCKAGE | If it felt silly to call Kings of Leon a "Southern rock band," the group's "Only by the Night" should do away with that tag entirely. Here the Kings are making a claim to join the upper echelons of arena-ready guitar bands, taking cues from Radiohead and one-time tour-mates U2. It's a fit for the extended Followill clan, whose earnestness grounds epic production.

Caleb Followill's voice still sounds like a desperate ex-boyfriend yelling up to his lady's bedroom while her dad polishes the shotgun in the living room.

Yet on "Only by the Night," he's dipping a toe into some dicey Lothario terrain. "Sex on Fire" is a song title that should appear only on a Prince record, and while "17" tries to best Steely Dan in critiquing barely illegal youthful indiscretions, complimenting the "rolling of your Spanish tongue" should put the band on some kind of watch list.

But Kings of Leon don't play pickup lines for laughs — the band's playing for lighters-up transcendence. In an age when overwhelming sonics are as accessible as a laptop, it's reassuring to see a band reach for them with conviction.

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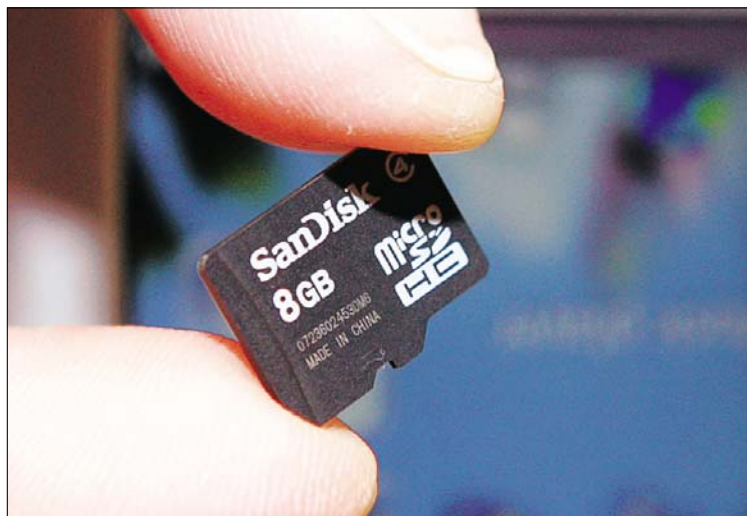
It's in the Cards

CDs are, like, so last season; slotMusic is the hot new medium

INNOVATIONS | Just as vinyl once gave way to compact discs as the main physical medium for music, could CDs be replaced now by a fingernail-size memory card?

Perhaps not entirely, but SanDisk Corp., four major record labels and retailers Best Buy Co. and Wal-Mart Stores Inc. are hoping that albums sold on microSD memory cards will at least provide an additional stream of sales. The companies plan to sell memory cards loaded with music in the MP3 format, free of copy protections.

Called "slotMusic," the new format is meant to address two intertwined trends. Most albums are still sold in a physical format — 449 million were sold on CDs in 2007, while 50 million were sold digitally, according to Nielsen SoundScan — yet CDs are decreasingly



Check your pockets: slotMusic cards and Nanos are destined to end up in the wash.

popular. Albums sold on CD dropped almost 19 percent last year.

Given this, the record labels are hoping slotMusic can be another physical revenue source — given the kinds of gadgets people carry around these days.

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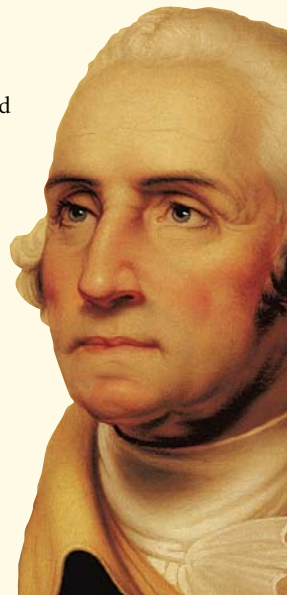
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Entertainment

MOVE OVER, MCDREAMY: There may be a new "Mc-last name" in town. Mary McDonnell is in discussions to join ABC's "Grey's Anatomy" for a multi-episode guest spot. Her role is hush-hush, but "Battlestar Galactica" fans are still giddy.



Loving Her 'Ugly' Role

Ashley Jensen says she's happy playing a pal on 'Ugly Betty'

FRIENDLY | Many viewers were first acquainted with Ashley Jensen when she played Maggie, the dowdy, dim-bulb sidekick to Ricky Gervais on his showbiz spoof "Extras."

Then she landed a plum supporting role on ABC's "Ugly Betty" as Christina, the worldly-wise wardrobe mistress for a high-fashion magazine.

Those characters, past and present, are quite different. What's

not so different: what it took for Jensen to portray them, she says.

"It's amazing what a bit of make-up and standing up straight can do," she volunteers in her plush Scottish accent.

To demonstrate, she droops into Maggie's identity (slouching in her chair, with a vacant gaze), after which, as Christina, she snaps to high alert (recommended for surviving the predatory culture that pervades the offices of Mode magazine on "Ugly Betty").

To play Christina, "You just sit up," explains Jensen, "and close your mouth when you're thinking."

With the series' third season

“It’s amazing what a bit of make-up and standing up straight can do.”

ASHLEY JENSEN, ACTRESS

(premiering 8 p.m. Thursday), production of "Ugly Betty" has moved cross-country to New York, where the story had always been set. Now its eye-popping studio shots can be supplemented with location scenes all over real-life New York City, making the show more visu-



Jensen's Scottish charm is a welcome break from her bubblegum co-stars.

ally stylish than ever.

Not only has "Ugly Betty" uprooted itself from Hollywood. So did its large company of actors — except for Jensen.

"I shuttle over here for a couple of days, then shuttle home again. But don't take that as an insult," she adds. "It was only because I had done the great big move with my husband [actor Terence Beesley] and my dog from London to L.A. two years before."

They found a rental ideally located in the Hollywood Hills near two parks, the better to accommodate their 100-pound pooch, Barney.

When Jensen is in Manhattan, she's pleased to be appearing alongside "Betty" star America Ferrera, who she describes as "a delightful young woman, a good soul who's on the right track."

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TYLER PERRY'S: FAMILY THAT PREYS - DP (PG-13) (1230) 330
THE WOMEN (PG-13) (1205 240) 520 755 1030
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THE WOMEN (PG-13) (Stadium) (215 505) 740 1005
BURN AFTER READING (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1230 100 245 330 500 550) 715 810 945 1035
BANGKOK DANGEROUS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (930) PM
BABYLON AD (PG-13) (Stadium) (350) 610 825 1040
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DEATH RACE (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (420) 1015
THE LONGSHOTS (PG) (Stadium) (1210 230 455) 710
HOUSE BUNNY (PG-13) (Stadium) (140 400) 620 830
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RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (105 340) 705 940
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THE WOMEN (PG-13) (Stadium) (135 420) 700 950
BURN AFTER READING (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (150 445) 745 1035
TRAITOR (PG-13) (Stadium) (115 410) 715 955
HOUSE BUNNY (PG-13) (Stadium) (205 440) 755 1015
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TROPIC THUNDER (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 315 545) 810
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IGOR (PG) (100 400) 700 915
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TYLER PERRY'S: THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13) (130 230 415 515) 715 815 1000 1045
RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) - ID REQ'D (215 430 530) 830 1015
OC: RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) - ID REQ'D (115) 730
BURN AFTER READING (R) - ID REQ'D (145 445) 745 1030
THE WOMEN (PG-13) (100 345) 645 930
TRAITOR (PG-13) (115) 930
THE LONGSHOTS (PG) (400) 630
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RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) - ID REQ'D (100 140 350 430) 650 740 940 1030
BURN AFTER READING (R) - ID REQ'D (200 240 440 520) 720 800 1000
VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA (PG-13) (130 400) 630 930
STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) (150 415) 700
TROPIC THUNDER (R) - ID REQ'D (215 500) 750
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D 950 PM
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IGOR (PG) (Stadium) (1220 230 445) 715 930
GHOST TOWN (PG-13) (Stadium) (115 400) 730 1000
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13) (Stadium) (1205 105 240 350 515) 655 755 935 1035
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RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (100 345) 705 955
TYLER PERRY'S: THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13) (Stadium) (135 410) 720 1005
BURN AFTER READING (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1200 1245 130 235 330 415 510) 615 700 745 855 940 1020
BANGKOK DANGEROUS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (925) PM
TRAITOR (PG-13) (Stadium) 950 PM
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IGOR (PG) (1150 225 445) 705 925
GHOST TOWN (PG-13) (1135 205 435) 710 955
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13) (1140 220 500) 740 1025
OC: RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) - ID REQ'D (100) 640
THE WOMEN (PG-13) (120 400) 730 1010
TYLER PERRY'S: THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13) (125 410) 745 1030
RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) - ID REQ'D (1155 240 340 510) 750 920 1020
BURN AFTER READING (R) - ID REQ'D (1210 115 230 350 450) 620 720 850 950
BANGKOK DANGEROUS (R) - ID REQ'D (1250 330) 655 930
BABYLON AD (PG-13) (130 345) 630 905
TRAITOR (PG-13) (110 405) 735 1015
THE LONGSHOTS (PG) 845 PM
HOUSE BUNNY (PG-13) (1240 325) 625 900
FLY ME TO THE MOON 3D \$2.50 ADDED FEE FOR 3-D (G) ★ (1200 210)
STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) (1220 305) 610
TROPIC THUNDER (R) - ID REQ'D (1235 320) 650 945
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) (1230 310) 635 935
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IGOR (PG) (1130 145 420) 715 950
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LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13) (1115 200 445) 730 1015
THE WOMEN (PG-13) (1145 245 545) 830
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RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 140 345 415) 645 745 920
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GHOST TOWN (PG13) ✓ 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50
IGOR (PG) 2:10, 4:20, 7:35, 9:55
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13) ✓ 1:45, 2:35, 4:35, 5:05, 7:10, 7:40, 9:45, 10:15
MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL (R) ✓ 2:25, 2:55, 4:50, 5:20, 7:15, 7:45, 9:40, 10:10
RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) 1:35, 2:00, 4:00, 4:35, 6:25, 7:05, 9:00, 9:30
RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) 2:00, 4:35, 7:05, 9:30
TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13) 1:40, 2:20, 3:25, 4:25, 4:55, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:35, 9:05, 9:35, 10:05
THE WOMEN (PG13) 2:45, 5:20, 7:55
BANGKOK DANGEROUS (R) 1:30, 4:00
TRAITOR (PG13) 2:40, 5:15, 7:50
DEATH RACE (R) 5:00, 10:05
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3:15, 6:10, 9:00
SPACE STATION 3D (NR-NOT RATED) 1:45

DIGITAL PRESENTATION
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2:15
RENT FILMED LIVE ON BROADWAY (NR-NOT RATED) 7:00
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IGOR (PG) 2:35, 5:00, 7:00, 9:15
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45
MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL (R) 2:30, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15
RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) 2:10, 4:50, 7:25, 10:00
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TRAITOR (PG13) 2:05, 4:55, 7:40, 10:10
THE HOUSE BUNNY (PG13) 1:00, 3:30, 7:30, 9:50
TROPIC THUNDER (R) 2:00, 4:45, 7:15, 10:05
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG13) 3:20, 6:40, 9:55

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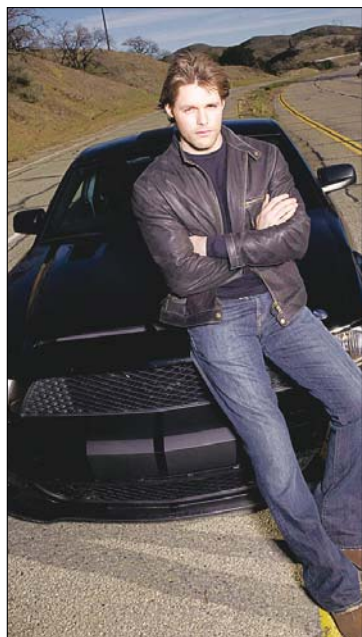
WHO'S NEXT — DAKOTA FANNING? Kelly Osbourne, 23, is writing a memoir. She hopes it will be inspirational to young women everywhere who are navigating the challenges of growing up rich and famous and on TV.

'Knight's' New, Rough Ride

Whatever happened to Val Kilmer? It's worse than we ever thought

DO-OVER | A year after the botched "Bionic Woman" remake, NBC returns with "Knight Rider" (8 p.m., NBC). There's nothing more annoying than a TV show that can't make up its mind. The new incarnation of "Knight Rider" vacillates between near-parody and earnest thriller. After 15 minutes of nonstop action, it bogs down in a needless backstory about switched identities and post-Iraq war traumatic-stress syndrome. It's a mess.

Justin Bruening brings a suitably blank aplomb to his role as Mike, the super-spy driver of KITT, a "Transformers"-like car with a brain



A MAN AND HIS CAR: "Knight Rider" is back on TV — but why, oh, why, NBC?

and voice provided by Val Kilmer. KITT speaks with the computer monotone of HAL from "2001: A Space Odyssey" and the irrefutable logic of Mr. Spock from "Star Trek." The conversations between the two occasionally border on the droll but could be much better.

Mike reports to some furtive agency located in a cave, or something, and populated by an odd and uneven bunch. A third of the agents appear to be gung-ho, another third are possible turncoats, and at least two are thrown in to make bad puns about sex and describe everything KITT does as "awesome."

KITT's acrobatics are nothing computer graphics haven't shown us before. KITT's a bit of a stiff, but it's still the most credible and 3-D character on the show. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

TOUGH LOVE

A bluesman (Samuel L. Jackson) shelters a damaged woman (Christina Ricci) in the gothic shocker **BLACK SNAKE MOAN** (7 p.m., Showtime).

SO IT BEGINS

The season opener of **THE NEW ADVENTURES OF OLD CHRISTINE** (8 p.m., CBS) manages to graft subplots about immigration and gay marriage and make them both seem rather uninspired and old hat. A victim of scheduling fits and starts, this series appears to have wilted before many had the chance to watch it.

MODERN HOUDINI, SORT OF

An illusionist hangs upside down from a wire for days on end on **DAVID BLAINE: DIVE OF DEATH** (9 p.m., ABC). It should be "Diva of Death."

LUNAR JETMAN

FLIGHT OF THE JET MAN (9 p.m., National Geographic) documents an unusual attempt to cross the English Channel.



AS ALWAYS: Aaron Eckhart will look manly on "The Daily Show" tonight.

PLEASE SAY HE'S OUT

Suede, on **PROJECT RUNWAY** (9 p.m., Bravo), is barely Naugahyde.

THE MAN WITH TWO FACES

Aaron Eckhart is booked on **THE DAILY SHOW WITH JON STEWART** (11 p.m., Comedy Central). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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The Lion of the Dessert

Local cupcake shops flex their frosting in a three-way taste test

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SUGAR SHOCKER | Journalism can be a tough gig. We have to go undercover, posing as Playboy bunnies and security guards. And on some assignments — like this one — we have to eat cupcakes.

You see, our fair city has recently fallen prey to a cupcake craze, with the opening of two new cupcakeries since February — Georgetown Cupcake and Hello Cupcake. So, we put the new kids and an old standby, CakeLove, before a panel of testers.

→ CAKELOVE

The beloved D.C. stalwart did not fare well with testers. The frost-



SWEET THEMES: Georgetown Cupcake boasts a wide selection of creative cakes.

ing (even peanut butter frosting, which generally has the same consistency as, well, peanut butter) was runny, and the cake — particularly the vanilla cake — was dry and too crumbly.

→ GEORGETOWN CUPCAKE

This was D.C.'s first all-cupcakes, all-the-time joint, and the store has gotten less crowded than it once was. Its selection is still lovely, though, with rich, thick cake and

a tasty, gooey frosting. The carrot cake was the best of the bunch (if you like carrot cake, that is).

→ HELLO CUPCAKE!

This is the newest addition to D.C.'s cupcake cavalcade, but it has appeal in more than just novelty: These are the best cupcakes around. Their flavors are creative, and the cake bits are moist and tasty. But the real triumph in these cupcakes is the frosting — it's intensely flavorful and rich without making you feel ill. It never overpowers the rest of the cupcake, which is unexpected, because each cake comes topped with a mound of frosting the size of K2. **FIONA ZUBLIN (EXPRESS)**

→ *CakeLove*, 1506 U St. NW; 202-588-7100. Also, locations in Md. and Va.

→ *Georgetown Cupcake*, 1209 Potomac St. NW; 202-333-8448.

→ *Hello Cupcake!*, 1351 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-861-2253.

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Sideman, Up Front

Marcus Strickland is a classic sideman, always supporting other performers with his saxophone — doing it so well that he sometimes doesn't get the recognition he deserves. No more. Come see Strickland, as part of the Marcus Strickland Quartet, blow the roof off Blues Alley tonight. Well, maybe no roofs will be blown off — this is pretty mellow jazz, after all — but I'll bet some solid romances will be forged on jazz-themed first dates tonight. You could be one of them. And, no, this is not encouragement to ask out that girl on the Metro. Leave her alone. She's just trying to read. **f.z.**

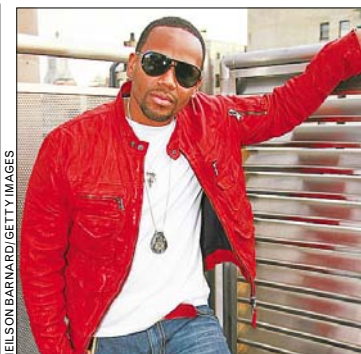
→ *Blues Alley*, 1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., \$20; 202-337-4141.



Is He Happy? Sad? Confused?

Ben Folds is currently classifying his music as melodramatic pop songs — I'll say he's not far off, but this certainly isn't a bad thing. He's trying something different with a lot of tracks on his new solo album — they're a far cry from his hit with Ben Folds Five (I love "Brick," but it's overtly sad). His current approach is singing depressing lyrics in an uplifting manner so that you can choose to be happy OR depressed while listening. Sweet! K.E.

→ *Constitution Hall*, 1776 D St. NW; 8 p.m., \$24-\$39; 202-397-7328. (Farragut West)



Oooh, Yeah, Baby

If you're an R&B fan (this is love-it or hate-it music), then you're most likely familiar with multi-platinum seller

3 Avant. He has a standard style — an impressive voice with which to sing dramatic ballads about the turmoils and blessings of love, along with a lot of ooohs and yeahs. Essentially, R&B fans, he's the embodiment of the genre in its most basic form. Take your special someone to the Birchmere tonight for a few uber-romantic tunes. You might leave truly believing you are one another's first loves. As opposed to — well, hey, who's really counting? **K.E.**

→ *Birchmere*, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 7:30 p.m., \$29.50; 703-549-7500.

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WHOLE LOTTA LADIES: Lez Zeppelin is iconic rock without the Y chromosome.

● THURSDAY

Iced Earth: Heavy metal never gets old, does it? 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW, 7 p.m., \$22; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)

"Color Struck": A one-man show about race relations. Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H St. NE; 7:30 p.m., free; 202-399-7993.

"Astro-Rama": Squonk Opera hopes to communicate with aliens using a giant telescope and the power of song. Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, University of Maryland, University Boulevard and Stadium Drive, College Park; 8 p.m., free; 301-405-2787. (College Park)

● FRIDAY

"Blanche and Beyond": One-man show based on the letters of Tennessee Williams. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 7:30 p.m., \$45; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

Lez Zeppelin: It's a Led Zeppelin cover band made up entirely of ladies — but the rock remains the same. The State Theatre, 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church, 7 p.m., \$17-\$19; 703-237-0300.

Homeless Art Project: This exhibit seeks to illuminate the plight of the homeless. Museum of Contemporary Art, 1054 31st St. NW; through Sept. 27, free; 202-342-6230. (Foggy Bottom)

● SATURDAY

Ocean Hall Opening: New marine exhibit debuts. Museum of Natural History, 10th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; free; 202-633-1000. (Smithsonian)

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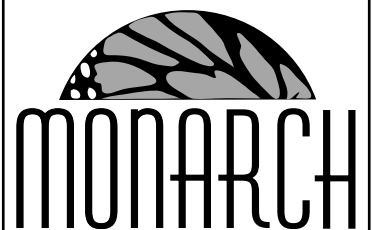
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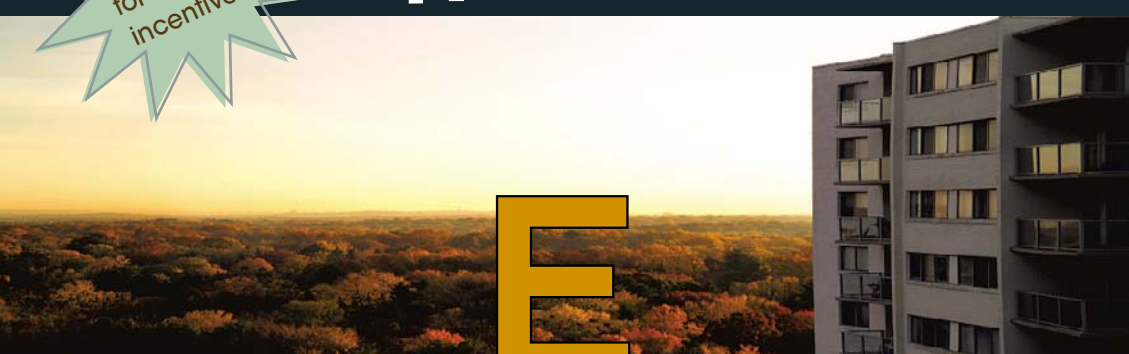
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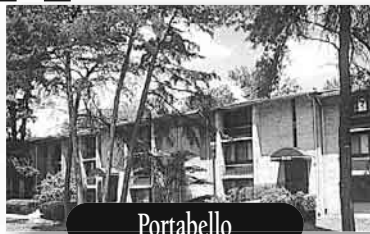
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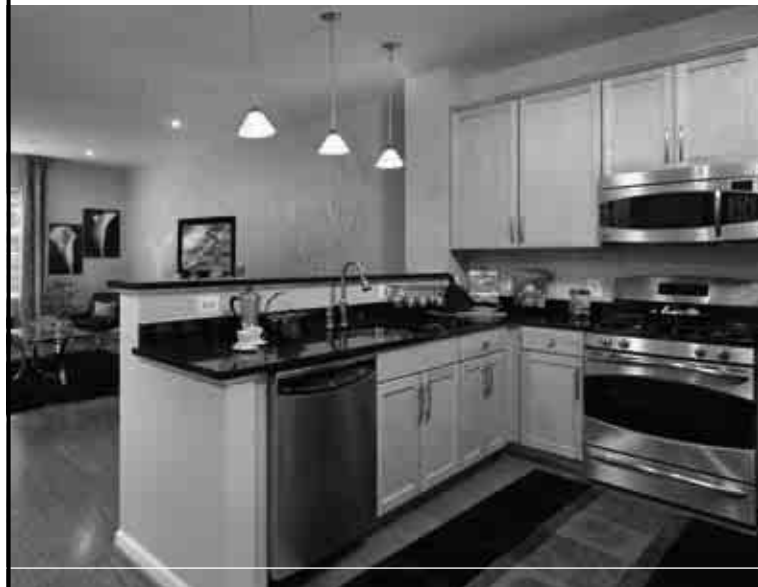
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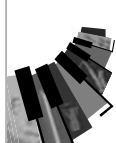
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Cast-iron cookware makes a comeback in American kitchens

Going Dutch is getting seriously stylish.

Dutch ovens, that is. After about 300 years as a staid kitchen workhorse, these heavy cast-iron pots have become must-have accessories for the cook who wants it all. And, until recently, bragging rights could set you back hundreds of dollars.

But the success of high-end brands such as Le Creuset, whose iconic, brightly colored pots are as much display pieces as cookware, has spawned a fast-growing kitchenware niche of cheaper knockoffs.

Suddenly, splashy enameled cast-iron Dutch ovens seem to be everywhere. Martha Stewart has her own line at Macy's, while versions bearing the names of celebrity chefs Mario Batali, Paula Deen and Rachael Ray are at retailers nationwide.

“You can braise and bake all in the same pot and make an economical meal.”

KATE DERING, SUR LA TABLE

Even Lodge Manufacturing Company, the South Pittsburg, Tenn.-based maker of workaday cast-iron pans, during the past four years has launched two lines (mid- and low-cost) of colored enamel versions of its Dutch oven.

The company says the low-cost line will represent 20 percent of its business by the end of this year.

“To have made these strides so

quickly, we're ecstatic,” says Mark Kelly, Lodge's marketing promotions manager. “We're an old, family-owned company, but we're doing new things.”

The appeal has as much to do with aesthetics as cooking, with many people selecting ovens based on kitchen decor. “I don't know how much people cook with it, sometimes, but they decorate their kitchen,” says Kim Collins, senior brand manager for Le Creuset.

For those who do cook with them, durability and versatility are key selling points.

“This is cookware you can keep for a long time,” says Kate Dering, a cookware buyer for Seattle-based kitchen retailer Sur la Table. “You

can braise and bake all in the same pot and make an economical meal, like a roast or soup. That's why people are buying them.”

Retailers across the spectrum have responded to the demand. The pots are standard fare for Williams-Sonoma, where a 15 1/2-quart red oval Le Creuset Dutch oven fetches \$415, as well as for Wal-Mart, where a green 3 1/2-quart Tramontina goes for less than \$30.

Le Creuset and Batali brand Dutch ovens are among Sur la Table's best selling items, says Dering. And to keep up with demand, the company stocks 40 percent more of them now than they did just a few years ago, she says.

Cast-iron Dutch ovens, which can be round or oval, have been around for centuries, dating to at least 17th-century Europe. Because they originally were intended for hearth-style cooking, most early

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VERSATILE TOOLS: Heavy cast-iron Dutch ovens can be used for baking and to prepare foods like roasts, soups and stews.

Go Dutch

Erin Doland was a reluctant convert to Dutch ovens, at least initially. She was happy with her electric slow-cooker, wasn't sure she had the kitchen real estate to dedicate to another pot, and figured she'd someday inherit her mother's black Dutch oven.

Then the Reston, Va., freelance writer saw a black 9 1/2-quart Le Creuset on sale for half price at an outlet. Memories of her mother's kitchen and macaroni and cheese with just the right crunch on top came flooding back.

She says the memory alone was almost worth the \$169.26 she paid for the pot.

“As a kid, it was one of the few foods I would eat. I was quite a picky eater,” Doland says. “And it was the first thing I imagined myself making in my Dutch oven.”

Lisa McManus, senior editor at Cook's Illustrated magazine, says the hype about Dutch ovens is merited. She spent a month testing numerous models for a review. She says they excel at keeping food moist, and even double as a deep-fryer.

“It's one of those pots you buy once and hand down to your grandchildren,” McManus said.

TANYA BRICKING LEACH (AP)



Dutch ovens, which date to at least 17th-century Europe, are gaining popularity here.

versions had legs for standing them over a bed of coals.

Then and now, they are prized for their ability to retain heat and moisture and move easily from the stovetop to the oven, making them

ideal for stews, baked beans, roasts, braising, even baked goods.

“They're the original slow cookers,” says Vernon Winterton, author of “101 Things to do with a Dutch Oven.”

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BOOKS

Funny Stuff

Steve Almond's new essay collection, "Not That You Asked: Rants, Exploits, and Obsessions," deals with subjects as diverse as his sexual humiliations as a teenager and his experiences as a new father. Stephen M. Deusner spoke with Almond, who reads Wednesday at Olsson's Dupont Circle. | COMING UP



STAGE

Hello, Klaatu!

Steve O'Hearn, Squonk Opera's artistic director, wants to believe. O'Hearn told Roxana Hadadi that Squonk Opera's latest production, "Astro-rama," features a 50-foot radio tower to send the message to the cosmos. The multimedia project will be at the Clarice Smith Center Sept. 24-26. | COMING UP

BOOKS

Smart Science

"Icarus at the Edge of Time" is a perfect book for smart parents to read to smart children. "My goal was to try to communicate science in a way that touches people," celebrity physicist Brian Greene told Tim Follos. Greene appears Wednesday at Politics and Prose. | COMING UP



comment board

McCain will win

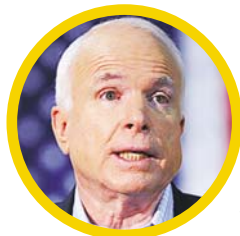
and put the left in a tailspin. They are so certain that they are the majority, as they only talk to each other. And if the Dems take over, it will last until 2010."

COMMENTER AMUSED, WHO ADDED, "THEN, LIKE IN 1994, THE COUNTRY WILL RUSH TO FIX THE HORRIBLE MISTAKE IT MADE."

This will be

one of the tightest presidential contests. In the end, Virginians will pick the wily veteran over the neophyte."

COMMENTER ANOTHER PERSON, WHO ADDED, "THERE WILL BE A RECOUNT, WHICH WILL FURTHER NARROW THE MARGIN, BUT MCCAIN WILL WIN BY 3,000 VOTES."



"Probably McCain. Virginia has a lot of military-minded people, and they will identify with him. So, they will want him to be commander in chief."

COMMENTER ANONYMOUS, RESPONDING TO TUESDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "GIVEN THE RESULTS OF THE LATEST POLL, WHO DO YOU THINK WILL WIN VIRGINIA?"

poll center

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

GIVEN THE RESULTS OF THE LATEST POLL, WHO DO YOU THINK WILL WIN VIRGINIA?

OBAMA 63%

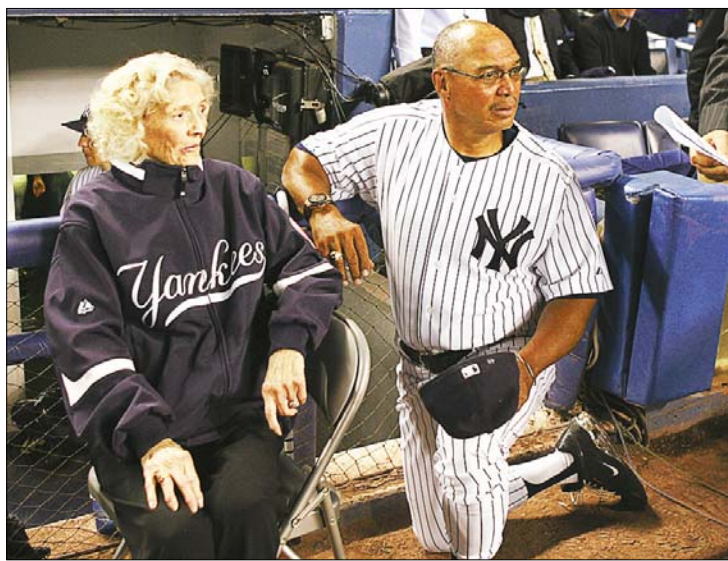
MCCAIN 37%

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Blog LOG

"In the annals of heartbreaking, senseless violence in the District of Columbia, this one ranks right up there at the top."

DCIST.COM COMMENTS ON THE STORY OF AN 18-YEAR-OLD FEMALE WHO WAS FATALLY SHOT LAST WEEKEND BY A MALE FRIEND AFTER SHE REFUSED TO MAKE HIM A HAMBURGER.



JIM MCISAAC/GETTY IMAGES

"I tried not to watch the last game, but how could I not? Tears streamed down during introductions. What a loss to our culture."

BLA2222.WORDPRESS.COM WAS MOVED BY SUNDAY'S CEREMONY AT YANKEE STADIUM. REGGIE JACKSON, RIGHT, WAS AMONG THE EX-PLAYERS PRESENT. BABE RUTH'S DAUGHTER JULIA, LEFT, WAS ALSO THERE.



"THE MAID OF HONOR was crossing the street on Friday night, and she tripped. By the next morning, she could barely walk on her ankle, so she went to get it X-rayed. She has a fractured bone and will be in a cast for four to six weeks! So, she'll have a cast on when the wedding takes place three weeks from now."

ZANDRIA.US FEELS BAD FOR HER FRIEND AFTER THE "BACHELORETTE PARTY OF DOOM."

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Discussions

The NFL Insider

Washington Post NFL columnist and NFL Insider blogger **MARK MASKE** was online Tuesday to take questions and comments about all the latest news from around the league.

The Ford family seems to be content with the sub-.270 winning percentage of GM Matt Millen [Detroit Lions]. Can you remember another GM with seven-plus years of experience who has so much support from management with so little to show for it?

It has been shocking the number of chances that Millen has gotten to turn things around there without success. I like him a lot on a personal level, and he knows the game. But he hasn't gotten it



Detroit Lions GM Matt Millen, middle, has a laugh with the Ford family in 2003.

done, and this is a business in which those sorts of results get you fired. Period. You would have to think that we've seen the beginning of the end for Millen there now that Bill Ford Jr. has come out and said publicly he would fire Millen if he had the authority.

Any chance that Snyder breaks the lease with FedEx Field and builds his own in D.C.? I'm sure he is just a tad bit jealous of the Joneses.

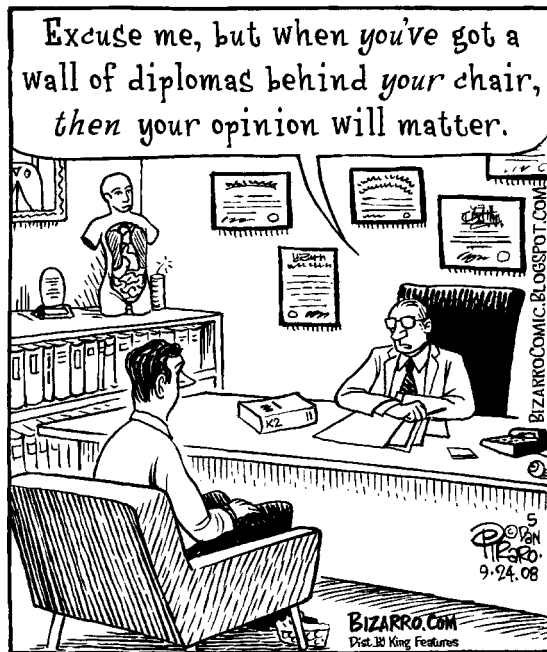
My guess is that the new stadiums in the Meadowlands and Dallas will create a great desire on the Redskins' part at some point to build a new stadium to keep up with the Joneses (and the Maras). The natural place to put that stadium will be back in the city. We'll see how it plays out over time.

Where can I buy my Redskins Super Bowl tickets?

Hold on there. They've played well for the last two games, but it's still entirely possible that they're the worst team in their division.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Washington Post writer Chico Harlan takes your questions and comments about the Nationals at 2:30 p.m. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro



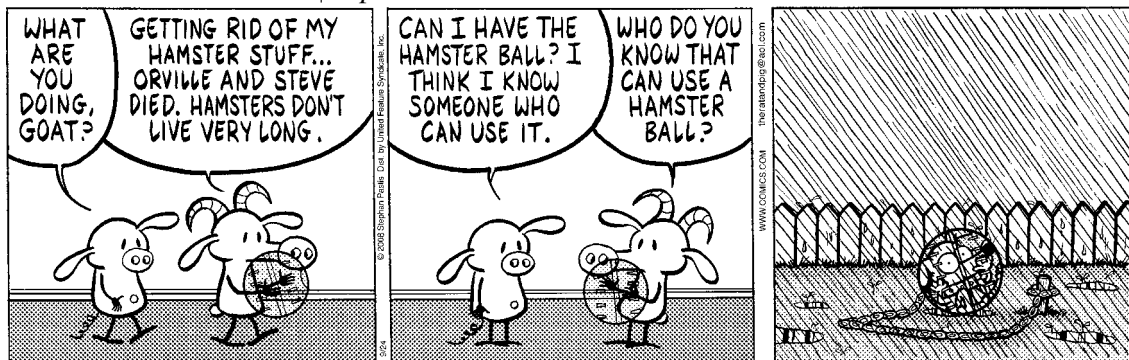
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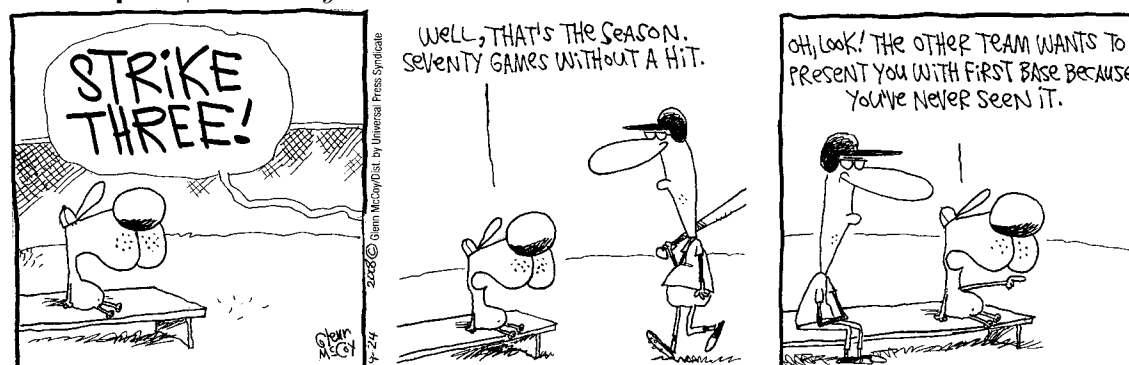
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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Respect your neighbors. Watch and learn, and be willing to help out whenever you have the chance. A rival may come to you with an offer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Don't be stingy. Generosity of every kind is sure to be rewarded in time, and you're in the mood to be rewarded.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Don't put off your own financial adjustments. That which you do can prove profitable to you as early as tomorrow morning.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may be more demanding than you have been in recent days or weeks, and someone may rebel against your increasing authority. Be fair.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your supporters are sure to give you the assistance you need — just in time. Don't think that it won't come just because you have to wait.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You know how to present yourself in the best pos-

sible light, no matter how dire the circumstances. You must do just that at least twice.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It may be that you are drawn to someone you would usually consider somehow dangerous, and you'll learn something about yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You know what to do when others come to you with strange and unusual demands, and this is likely to happen more often than expected.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You won't be able to forget someone from your past, as he or she will be apparent to you again and again at the most unlikely moments.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This time, you're going to want to be calm and rational, even though those around you are up in arms. It's up to you to make the peace.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you must give orders, do so with understanding and a calm, soothing tone of voice. Anything you do to prevent tension is a plus.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're taking your personal affairs more and more seriously, and you're likely to approach a romantic issue like a business.

Letters

Metro Request Is Ridiculous

I THINK IT'S a complete travesty that Metro's GM is asking for \$11 billion to operate over the next 10 years ("Catoe: Metro Needs \$11.3B," Sept. 23). Who oversees the budget? The same person asking for the money.

Imagine that! It seems as though this agency can ask for and receive any amount at any time. Metro needed money when ridership was down; it needs money when ridership is up. Does Metro really know when or why it needs money, or is it just nice to ask for and receive it? Can you say "profligate waste"?

—DAVID D. BAKER
Washington, D.C.

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Today in History

1789 Congress passes a Judiciary Act that provides for an attorney general and the Supreme Court

1869 Thousands of businessmen are ruined in a Wall Street panic known as "Black Friday," after financiers Jay Gould and James Fisk attempt to corner the gold market.

1955 President Eisenhower suffers a heart attack while on vacation in Denver.

1968 The TV news magazine "60 Minutes" premieres on CBS.



Ben Johnson won gold but was DQ'd.

1988 Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson wins the men's 100-meter dash at the Seoul Summer Olympics — but he was disqualified three days later for using anabolic steroids.

LOOKout People



"Can I fade back into obscurity now?"

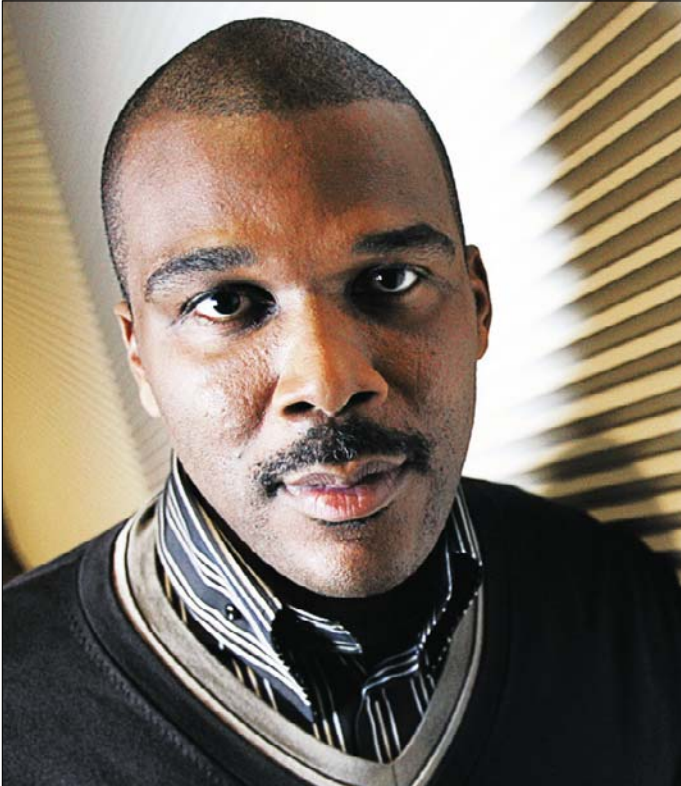
SPECIALTIES If Insults Were Dance Steps, He'd Be Bing Crosby

"Dancing With the Stars" is back — with low score paddles. Soap star Susan Lucci was given a measly 15; chef Rocco DiSpirito cooked up a lukewarm 14. But the lowest number — a pathetic 12 — went to comedian **JEFFREY ROSS**. (AP)

ACCESSORIES Surprisingly, Star Kind of Starting to Like Neck Brace



A Superior Court judge ruled last week that **ED MCMAHON**'s lawsuit against Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and two physicians lays out adequate legal ground to pursue claims that include negligence and fraud. (AP)



DO-GOODING Food for Families

TYLER PERRY may be a successful director, playwright and actor, but he knows what it's like to be hungry. Perry, who grew up the poor son of a carpenter in New Orleans and was homeless for a time, has donated enough food to feed 1,000 families for two weeks in Atlanta, where he lives now. "I've been out on the street; I know what it's about," said Perry, 39. (AP)



LOVE AFFAIR Wagner Confirms Stanwyck Was Cougar

ROBERT WAGNER's marriage to Natalie Wood was known to all. His love affair with Barbara Stanwyck was a secret — until now. In his new memoir, "Pieces of My Heart," Wagner writes of his four-year romance with the star of such classics as "Stella Dal-

las" and "Double Indemnity." They met on the set of "Titanic," released in 1953, when he was 22 and she was 45 and divorced from actor Robert Taylor. Stanwyck eventually broke it off. "I would always have been Mr. Stanwyck," Wagner, now 78, writes. (AP)



PUBLISHING Book on Tape Hotly Awaited

ALEC BALDWIN blamed the custody battle between him and his ex-wife, Kim Basinger, in part for the frustration he was feeling when he berated his daughter in a phone message leaked to the media last year. He was apparently upset that she had missed

his phone call. "I wanted to see my daughter." In the book "A Promise to Ourselves," he rails against the family court system in Los Angeles and offers advice based on his own experience. (AP)

SPELLING Letter E Panics as Sales Of 'Brisingr' top 500,000

First-day sales topped half a million for **CHRISTOPHER PAOLINI**'s "Brisingr," the third in his million-selling "Inheritance" fantasy cycle and unveiled last weekend with a "Harry Potter"-like midnight opening. It was the highest opening ever for a Random House children's book. (AP)

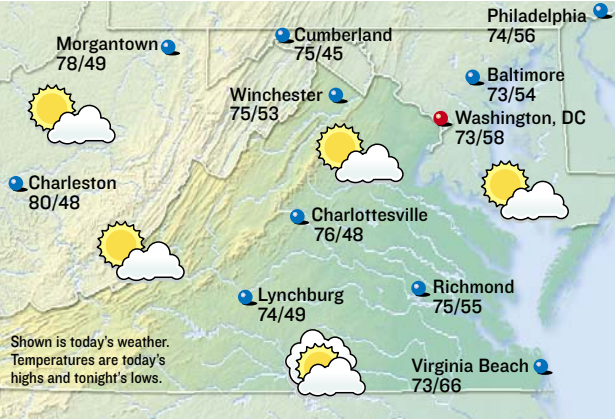


Titles without a certain vowel will b hip now!

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
73°	58°	70° / 56°	67° / 62°	73° / 61°	81° / 60°

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Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.
Temperature
High 76°
Low 65°
Normal high 77°
Normal low 59°
Average humidity 53%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 4.11"
Normal month to date 2.94"
Year to date 37.66"
Last year to date 21.64"
Normal year to date 29.31"

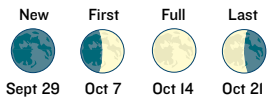
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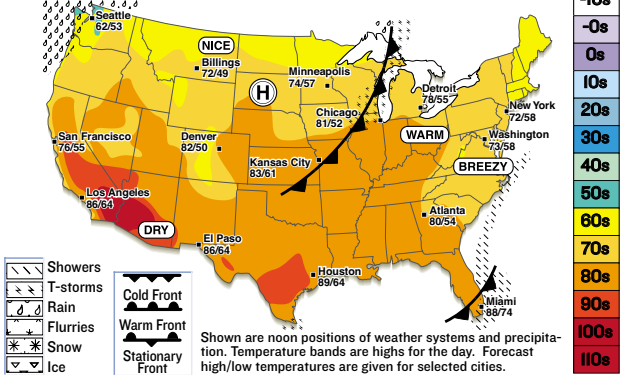
D.C. Metro: Today, mostly sunny. High 73. Wind northeast 10-20 mph. Tonight, becoming cloudy, a shower late. Low 58. Wind northeast 10-20 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:58 a.m.
Sunset tonight 7:02 p.m.
Moonrise today 1:39 a.m.
Moonset today 4:34 p.m.



National Weather for Wednesday, September 24



National Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Atlanta	Hi/Low/W 80/54/pc	79/55/s
Boston	68/51/s	63/53/c
Chicago	81/52/pc	79/57/s
Dallas	88/66/s	89/64/s
Denver	82/50/s	87/52/s
Honolulu	88/74/pc	88/74/pc
Los Angeles	86/64/s	88/64/s
Miami	88/74/pc	87/74/pc
New York City	72/58/s	67/57/r
Orlando	86/68/pc	85/64/pc
Seattle	62/53/r	64/51/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Amsterdam	Hi/Low/W 61/46/pc	61/48/s
Athens	76/67/sh	80/63/pc
Berlin	59/46/pc	63/47/s
Buenos Aires	70/54/pc	70/54/s
Calgary	50/36/pc	53/34/sh
Dublin	59/45/pc	61/46/pc
Geneva	63/47/pc	64/45/pc
Moscow	57/41/pc	54/39/pc
Rome	70/51/pc	72/53/pc
Sydney	64/46/pc	68/52/pc
Tokyo	77/66/pc	79/68/c

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

LOOK out

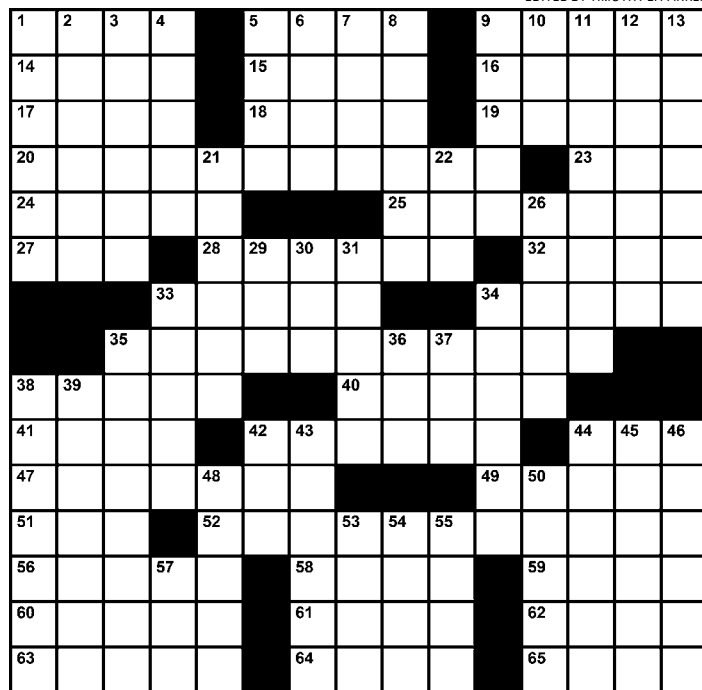
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5 His stuff is all over the place
9 Bundle
14 Anatomical network
15 1, 8 or 27
16 1,000 kilograms
17 Upper pelvic bones
18 Returned to Earth
19 Tetrad times two
20 Start of a warning
23 U.N. working-conditions agency
24 Something thrown for a loop?
25 College member of a sort
27 Baltimore-to-Philadelphia direction
28 Common contraction
32 First name at the '72 Olympics
33 "Cocoon" star Guttenberg
34 Baby bounders
35 Middle of the warning
38 Basic unit of capacitance
40 Udders, e.g.
41 Like a zero
42 Review, as damage
44 Tennessee neighbors?
47 Supplant
49 Weird and scary
51 Factor considered by the Fed
52 End of the warning
56 Disparager of seniors
58 Bryn ____

DOWN

59 Cuzco people
60 Legal setting
61 Pilgrim to Mecca, often
62 Invent, as a word or phrase
63 Bed neatener
64 Agent Young fellow's boss
65 Barley beards
1 Thing of very little value
2 Advance again
3 Futile
4 Mergers and buyouts
5 Permanently affect for the worse
6 Outstanding example of its kind
7 Ginza fashion accessories
8 Chapel for sailors
9 Biblical weapon
10 "In ____ signo vinces" (Constantine's motto)
11 Gives grounds for
12 Explanatory tool
13 Felt hats
21 Blotto
22 "Well, ____ be!"
26 Drops in temperature
29 "... sat down beside ____"
30 Mother of all matriarchs
31 "Sailing to Byzantium" poet
33 "... and the truth ____ set you free"

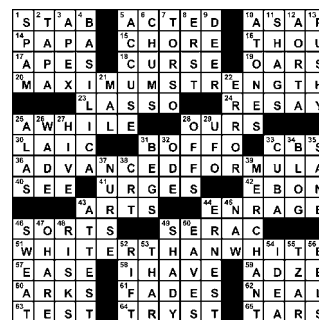


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34 High-flying clique
35 Participating in a December chore
36 Aid in alumna identification
37 Word with "mustard" or "natural"
38 Pardoned
39 Opposite of the clue above
42 Reynolds film "Stroker ____"
43 Naval recruit
44 Afore this time

45 An essential vitamin
46 Many enclosed cars
48 Following
50 Brooke's rival on "All My Children"
53 Far from everyday
54 First word of a Carroll work
55 Celestial spheres
57 Haul into court

Yesterday's Solution



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Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. See www.sudoku.com for solution, tips and computer program.

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Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Yesterday's Solution

6	5	9	4	1	2	3	7	8
3	4	1	5	7	8	6	2	9
2	8	7	9	3	6	5	4	1
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THE MATEY DANCE: David Lustig, aka Scarnose Jim, and other well-dressed swashbucklers welcome wannabe Long John Silvers aboard the Fearless, a mock pirate ship now sailing in Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

Planks Anyway

Avast! Scurvy pirates invade the Inner Harbor on a new pleasure cruise

ERIN TSCHANTRET, hands on her hips and a glint in her eyes, stands on the deck of a 52-foot-long ship anchored in Fell's Point. In her tricorn hat, short leather vest, gray skort and red sport sandals she looks like a cross between Captain Jack Sparrow and the mom next door. And as she faces the crowd

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THERE'S A CERTAIN EARNING FOR SOMETHING THAT HAS A HISTORY. ANYONE CAN FILL THEIR HOUSE WITH BEIGE AND BROWN." E6

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Matey Dance

CONTINUED FROM E1

assembled on the deck of her double-masted, skull-and-crossbones flying vessel, the Fearless, it becomes clear that's the point. In this zone where 19th-century American privateers (pirates for hire) harassed the British navy so much that they deemed Baltimore "that nest of pirates," Tschantret and her co-workers have launched a latter-day swashbuckler rebellion.

Tschantret heckles a staffer, a shaggy-haired man dressed in a leather cap and ruffled shirt. "Tell them how you came by your name, Scarnose Jim," she calls. Grinning, Scarnose (aka David Lustig), replies, "When I was a wee pirate, I tried to pick me nose with me sword. I missed." The crowd cracks up.

Corny jokes and yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum talk has been floating around the Inner Harbor since July, when Tschantret and her mates, er partners, Cara Joyce and Lauren Bolin started taking guests on plea-

“People like to act like pirates because it's a little release for them. Pirates can behave however they like.”

CARA JOYCE, URBAN PIRATES

sure cruises as the Urban Pirates. On one-hour trips, these latter-day, not-so-high seas adventurers commandeer the Volvo engine-powered boat around the Inner Harbor.

The trio got the idea for the buccaneer biz after Joyce's son attended a nautical-themed birthday party in Annapolis. They thought a modern pirate ship would be an ideal fit for Baltimore, where, in Fells Point, a fair bit of swashbuckling went on during the War of 1812. "I think people simply like to act like pirates because it's a little release for them on the weekends," says Joyce. "Pirates can behave however they like!"

Now, Tschantret and co. lead trips geared toward both kids and adults. Tonight's quest: a "bring your own grog" adventure for revelers 21 and up. Family-friendly trips—which feature more games, and no bottles of rum—take place on Saturdays and Sundays during the day. There's



WHAT AARGH YOU DOING TONIGHT? Erin Tschantret leads revelers aboard the Fearless ship in silly line dances, limbo contests and lots of talking like a pirate.



Cruise passengers aboard faux pirate ship the Fearless fire off some of the vessel's 10 water cannons, which draw on a mammoth tank hidden below the deck.

also a free pirate story time Fridays at 10 a.m. when the ship is docked at the Ann Street Pier.

Tonight, however, ain't kiddie book time. Booze cruisers, who range in age from their 20s to their 50s, come aboard, bearing bottles of Captain Morgan's rum and Miller Lite longnecks. Staffers help them into rogues regalia: colorful beaded necklaces, vests, bandannas and even an eye patch or two. "It's funny, though; most adults come dressed already," says Joyce. "We've had mermaids, Peter Pans and many Captain Jack Sparrows."

Then, as a reggae soundtrack bles from the ship's speakers, "The Fearless" heads into the Harbor. During the hour-long venture, staffers lead passengers in shanty sing-alongs, name games and a hysterical group dance—shiver me timbers—to Sugar Hill Gang's "Apache." The chorus pulses as Tschantret demos moves from "swabbing the deck" (hip sashays) to "raising the flag" (fist pumps). Yeah, it's all a tad silly, but the drinks help, and so do the bold bandannas and beads.

On children's trips, the emphasis shifts to seafaring lore. "They learn how to talk, dance and sing like a pirate," says Tschantret. "They also find out how to tie ropes, fight their enemies and defend treasure."

Like any good Errol Flynn flick, tonight's grown-up cruise builds to an action-packed climax. The Fearless approaches the Inner Harbor shoreline, where couples on dates crowd outdoor cafe tables.

But avast! As the vessel approaches this serene scene, dramatic music blasts from its speakers. The passengers, now fully indoctrinated, bellow a few "aarghs" and jockey for position behind the ship's 10 water cannons. OK, so this isn't Blackbeard's ride—these blasters work like giant water guns, not real firearms. Still, the tourists on paddle boats don't stand a chance. They get soaked but still smile and wave at the Fearless' crew.

"Mad Dog Mike," the motorboat-driving nemesis of the Fearless (played by Urban Pirate staffer Joe Miller) doesn't get off as easy. The villain makes a beeline for the Fearless, shaking his pistol menacingly. Still, his tiny vessel makes him a floating duck for cannon target practice, and he's soon sopping wet. Defeated, he speeds away.

Huzzahs are heard on deck. High fives and cries of great victory resound. As the ship approaches the dock, skull and crossbones still flying, you'd swear you heard a peg leg scrape the deck and a parrot squawk. KRIS CORONADO (EXPRESS)

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GREEK MIRTHOLOGY: A wall mural in Baltimore's Greektown celebrates the heritage of the neighborhood, which has been home to Greek immigrants since the 1950s.

Say Ciao to Charm City

Chomp into global culture and U.S. history in ethnic neighborhoods

Forget about facing the hassle of packing, international air travel and the ridiculously low value of the dollar.

Instead, head up I-95 to Baltimore, where globe-trotting is as simple as walking a few blocks — Little Italy famously greets anyone who wanders east of the Inner Harbor. It's bordered by the up-and-coming Spanish Town, and it's not too far from the Polish and Ukrainian communities tucked into Fells Point and Patterson Park. And just a bit further east is Greektown, where old men sitting around card tables playing backgammon can make you lose track of which continent you're on altogether.

"It began because we're a port, and immigrants have to land somewhere," explains Anne Garside of

the Maryland Historical Society.

Indeed, many sources claim that Baltimore ranked second after Ellis Island as an entry point to the United States throughout the 19th century — millions of people's first view of the country was Charm City. Quite a few of them, apparently, decided to stay put.

There are hints of this history wherever you look, whether it's Slainte Irish Pub (1702 Thames St.; Slaintepub.com) in Fells Point — where owner Patrick Russell has photos of three of his Irish forebears on the walls — or the Jewish Museum of Maryland (15 Lloyd St., 410-732-6400; Jewishmuseummd.com),

whose campus includes the Lloyd Street Synagogue, which dates back to 1845.

Or, possibly, you'll run into Peggy Friedman, who dons a lacy white shirt and an indigo hat with matching feathers to lead the weekly immigration tour (Saturdays at noon, April-November, \$10) presented by the

Preservation Society (812 S. Ann St., 410-675-6750; Preservationsociety.com). "I'm dressed as an Irish immigrant from the 1880s," she'll explain, before leading her group along the water near Fells Point to expound on the various tribes that landed in Baltimore — Acadians from Nova

“It began because we're a port, and the immigrants have to land somewhere. Then they built communities here.”

ANNE GARSIDE, HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Scotia, Haitians fleeing an uprising and then Germans, Irish, Poles, Ukrainians and more.

The ones who decided to linger often established small communities right around Fells Point. "This area offered immigrants the dream. There was housing, and jobs in canning, caulking and shipbuilding," Friedman says.

The proof is in the pierogies. As the tour strolls through Broadway Market, it's hard not to drool over the sausages at Sophia's Place. A similar menu awaits over at Krakus Deli (1737 Fleet St.; Krakusdelibaltimore.com) and Ostrowski's (524 S. Washington St.; Ostrowskifamous.homestead.com).

The prevalence of these businesses has everything to do with the proximity of St. Stanislaus Kostka, a Roman-Catholic church at the corner of Aliceanna and Ann streets. But though the building's facade remains impressive — and a plaque details its importance to the city's Polish residents since it was blessed and opened in 1880 — it's been shuttered since 2000.

Religion has formed the cornerstone of virtually all of Baltimore's ethnic enclaves and is the factor that kept them from dispersing into the suburbs during the tumult of the last century.

Just take a gander at Little Italy, especially on either the feast of St. Anthony (in June) or St. Gabriel (in August), when thousands flock there to gorge themselves on meatball subs, chicken Parmesan, pizzelles and beer, and watch bocce ball tournaments on the outdoor court (902-904 Stiles St.). None of it would exist if



St. Nicholas is the second-oldest Greek Orthodox church in Maryland. Half of the attendees are first-generation Americans.

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Meatball subs are just one of the delicacies available for purchase at Little Italy's two annual street fairs. Summertime also brings Friday night outdoor movies.

it weren't for St. Leo the Great (227 S. Exeter St.; Littleitalymd.com). "It's about keeping in touch with home and ancestry," says Father Louis Rojas.

The church runs the Pandola Adult Learning Center (914 Stiles St.; Pandola.baltimore.md.us) for anyone — of Italian ancestry or otherwise — to study the language, and opera, limoncello making, Mediterranean cooking and painting.

But what surely attracts most people to the area are the endless blocks of good Italian restaurants. Germano's Trattoria (300 S. High St., Germanostrattoria.com) boasts pasta demos, La Scala (1012 Eastern Ave., Lascaladining.com) features an indoor bocce court, and Della Notte (801 Eastern Ave., Dellanotte.com) has a swinging piano bar, and all of them have divine food. For dessert, you can crowd into Vaccaro's (222 Albemarle St., Vaccarospastry.com) or take your sweet tooth over to hidden gem Piedigrotta (319 S. Central St., Piedigrottabakery.com), which is owned by the man who claims to have invented tiramisu.

Like Little Italy, Greektown has a two-track mind. "Our culture really centers around food and the church," says Jason Filippou, director of development for the

Greektown CDC. By the latter, he means St. Nicholas (520 S. Ponca St.; Stnicholasmd.org), a Greek-Orthodox parish that remains popular with first-generation immigrants and hosts the region's largest Hellenic festival every June. A community center currently under construction down the street promises to bring more revelry to the area via outdoor concerts and

**At the bar
Byzantio in
Greektown,
customers
express joy
with napkin
throwing.**

cultural events.

And just about everything in the area is done with a side of saganaki — Filippou wasn't kidding about the zone's emphasis on grub. Ikaros (4805 Eastern Ave.; Ikarosrestaurant.com) and Acropolis (4718 Eastern Ave.; Acropolisbaltimore.com) have been serving up moussaka since what feels like the beginning of time. Zorba's (4710 Eastern Ave.) lures in customers with lamb spin-

ning on a spit in the back. But it's BYOB Samos (600 Oldham St., Samosrestaurant.com) where you're most likely to face a wait. The hummus alone is worth it.

Feeling thirsty? Duck into Byzantio (4616 Eastern Ave.), a bar stocked with a swell selection of ouzos, where the tunes are straight out of Eurovision, the TV is tuned to Greek programming, and it's common to see flying napkins. "Somebody likes the music, they throw a napkin," explains Alex Dosis, whose father owns the joint.

For a souvenir, you can't beat

Kentrikon (4704 Eastern Ave.; Kentrikon.com), a shop packed with Greek newspapers, christening candles and "Got Ouzo?" T-shirts.

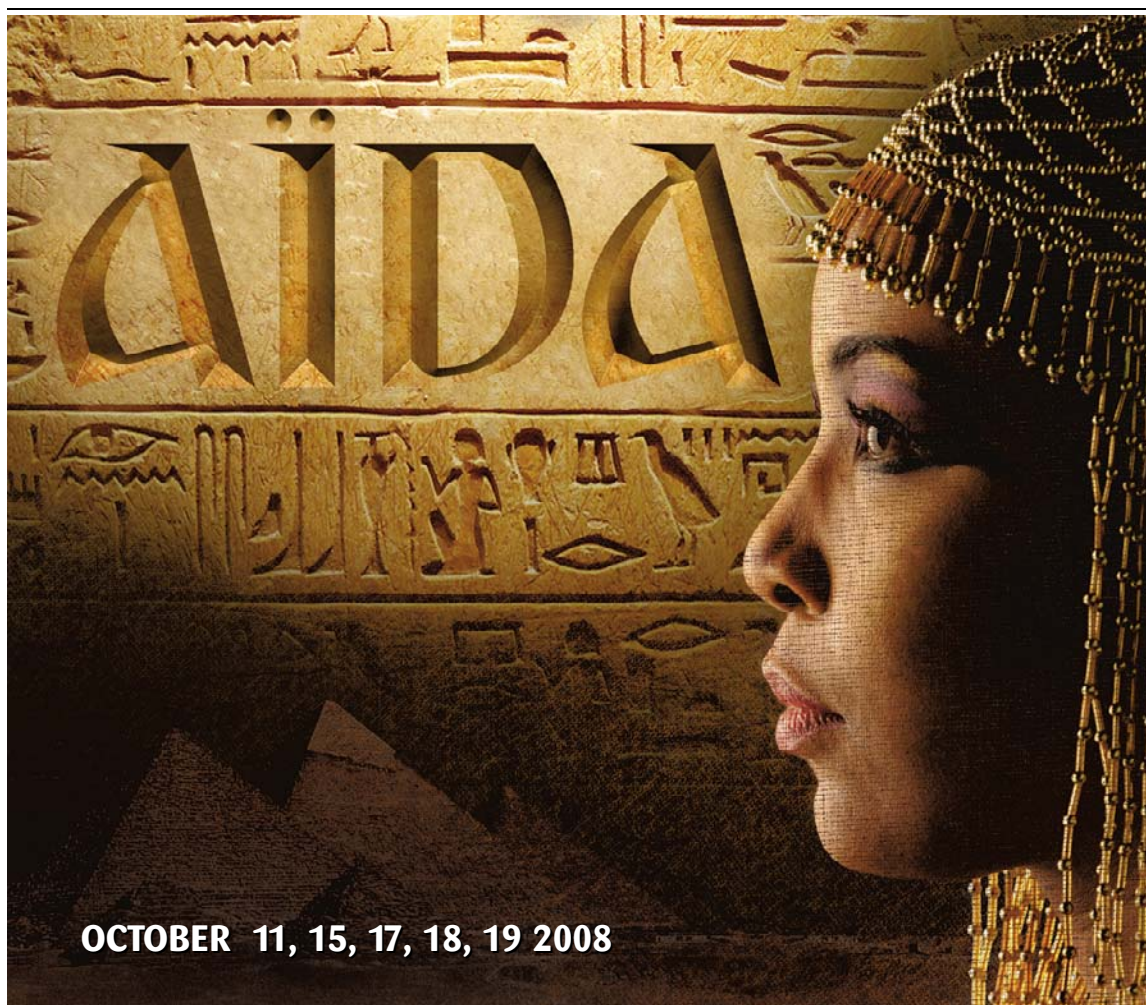
"This place is a family place that brings people together," says owner Nitsa Morekas.

The same could be said of one of Baltimore's emerging ethnic neighborhoods, Spanish Town. It isn't named for the nationality of its residents but rather their common language. And you'll hear a lot of it if you head north on Broadway out of Fells Point, passing restaurants that serve up Mexican, Salvadoran

and Ecuadorian food.

"There's a saying that Hispanics tend to be of many races, but it's the same culture. They share the same music and core values," says Charles Ramos, president of the Baltimore Hispanic Chamber.

Certainly, everyone, regardless of heritage, could get behind a visit to Arcos (129 S. Broadway, Restaurantarcos.com). Snag a table on the gorgeous back patio for an unbeatable location to enjoy enchiladas and margaritas, and bask in Baltimore's continued multicultural legacy. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)



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Hello, Good Bygones

Hip stores where you can unearth vintage fashions, books and more

Weathered cobblestones in Fells Point. Mount Vernon townhouses that look zapped in from "The Age of Innocence." Creaky-yet-chic Victorian rowhouses in Federal Hill and Canton. Everywhere you look in Baltimore, there's character and patina. It's not surprising that, in this zone of centuries-old neighborhoods and quirky history, even the antiques stores seem cooler and more colorful than any Chippendale-hawking outfitter in Georgetown.

"I think there's a certain yearning for something that has a history, a provenance," says Ben Riddleberger, co-owner of Housewerks, an eye-popping architectural salvage trove not far from Ravens Stadium. "Anyone can fill their house with beige and brown." Indeed, it is a coloring outside the lines of sorts that propels Baltimore's used-goods scene, where vintage men's vests, antique church benches and kid's books from the Little Lord Fauntleroy era are just some of the unexpected offerings.

Fill Your House

Credit the cheaper real estate or the glut of old fixer-uppers in these parts with Charm City's wealth of architectural salvage outlets. Riddleberger's Housewerks (1415 Bayard St.; 410-685-8047; HousewerksSalvage.com) is worth a trip just to ogle the space: a 1885 gas valve house with soaring ceilings and moldings fit for a palace.

Pieces here that would help rehab — or just reinvent — your pad range from lead glass windows hung from the rafters to a terrifying looking perm machine (\$695) with octopus-like arms bearing little metal curlers. The spooky (yet clean) basement yields finds like a carnival sign reading "To Midway/To Animal Land" and a metal factory tripod light (\$225) ready to be repurposed as a reading lamp.



Light fixtures, facades and windows saved from old convents, department stores and factories headline at funky Housewerks.

"It becomes a new old thing," says Riddleberger.

A similar spirit of reinvention also rules nearby Second Chance Inc. (1400, 1501, 1600 and 1645 Warner St.; 410-385-1101; SecondChanceInc.org), a series of cement-floored warehouses crammed with old church pews, cast-iron porch columns (\$595 each), fireplace mantels, a hodgepodge of furniture, and accessories like a gilded Styrofoam bust of what seems to be a grouchy Trojan warrior (\$25).

"We're trying to keep things out of the landfill," says manager Lynn Fingles. "We get stuff from donations and deconstructed houses." This often makes for a wild range of merchandise. Recently spotted: a copper building facade with its original glass lights (\$2,500) and a dark wood back bar (\$9,000) straight out of an old Western. "We even had some stuffed lions in here a year ago," says Fingles.

Leftovers from the "Mad Men" era star at Home Anthology in Baltimore exurb Catonsville (91-95 Mellor Ave.; 410-744-0042; HomeAnthology.com). In a white-



Drusilla P. Jones has been selling antiquarian books, many of them for children, for 31 years. Her cozy shop is located near other antiques stores in Mount Vernon.

walled warehouse space, husband and wife collecting-crazy team Robe Degenhard and Nini Sarmiento traffic in low-slung, boxy sofas, Danish teak dining tables and chunky, funky lamps straight out of "The Brady Bunch." Sarmiento thinks this clean-lined mid-century modern look appeals to customers. "People like to mix things up. I think a lot of them shop at Pottery Barn and Crate & Barrel but add our pieces so they don't feel like they're walking into a time warp."

“People buy old children's books for nostalgia. In the past, bookmakers took so much loving care with illustrations.”

DRUSILLA JONES, STORE OWNER

Still, there are lots of finds here that suggest time travel might be a good idea, at least style-wise: a green-fronted George Nelson dresser (\$1,800), a skinny painting of New York City circa 1964 (\$225) and a blocky Danish teak bar with a groovy mirrored interior (\$850).

Cover Your Bod

As the home of John Waters — and the native habitat of "hons" (beehived women who haven't yet given up the clothing of the 1960s) — Baltimore ranks as one of the best vintage clothing towns in the country. (Plus, psst, it's really cheap!)

Waters himself used to shop for movie costumes at Killer Trash (602 South Broadway; 410-625-2449). On a recent Saturday afternoon, the studio-apartment size Fells Point institution was packed with men's and women's clothing from the 1940s through the 1980s. We're talking fringed leather jackets à la Fleetwood Mac circa 1973, striped tube tops and enough sequined sweaters (\$20 and up) to outfit an army of Waters heroines.

The spandex-clad clerk was patient and helpful as one client searched though cocktail dresses dangling from the ceiling, finally plucking out a turquoise flowered silk frock (\$25) with a skirt full enough for a latter-day June Cleaver.

The browsing is less intense at B-more's newest vintage den,

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Hats of past decades are on top again at Federal Hill's bright Clothing Warehouse.

Federal Hill's light, bright Clothing Warehouse (1211 S. Charles St.; 410-244-6554; Clothingwarehouse.com). That's because, says manager Whitney Ritchie, "We only take things that are in great shape, and we clean everything."

Sure, this means a little of the musty, scour-the-racks fun of trawling for treasures disappears, but the merchandise here is good and easy to browse: dozens of pairs of colorful sunglasses, a wall of weathered cowboy books, old logo T-shirts and a rack of 1970s vests in tweeds and corduroy (\$14 each). "Those are blowing out of here with menswear being in for fall," says Ritchie.

Dresses, not surprisingly, shine here. Think a 1970s rayon frock with black and red flowers (\$38) and an Audrey Hepburn-esque cocktail mini number in black with a rhinestone-decked collar. "We sell so many for parties," says Ritchie.

Feed Your Mind

Readers decades from their last bedtime story with Mom find their favorite kid tomes preserved and for sale behind the minty green windows at Drusilla's Books (817 N. Howard St.; 410-225-0277;

Drusillasbooks.com). "I think people buy these old children's books for nostalgia," says owner Drusilla P. Jones, who has been in the biblio biz since 1981. "In the past, bookmakers took so much loving care with the covers and illustrations."

Her Mount Vernon neighborhood shop, one of a number of long-time establishments on Baltimore's Antique Row, is neatly lined with titles from childhoods gone by: dozens of Nancy Drew mysteries, Victorian fairy tales, and sweetly illustrated "Teeny Weenies" books from the early 20th century that come across like early graphic novels.

Honeyed wooden floors and a statue of a woman reading add to the warm, English country house feel here, as do a range of unusual old books meant for more mature readers: 1960s home remodeling guides (\$3), English novels, an illustrated guide to birds of the Bible and an 1873 leather-bound edition of the complete works of William Shakespeare (\$1,600).

Sure, some of this is dream library stuff. But, says Jones, "All the books here are meant to be read and enjoyed. It's not a museum."

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